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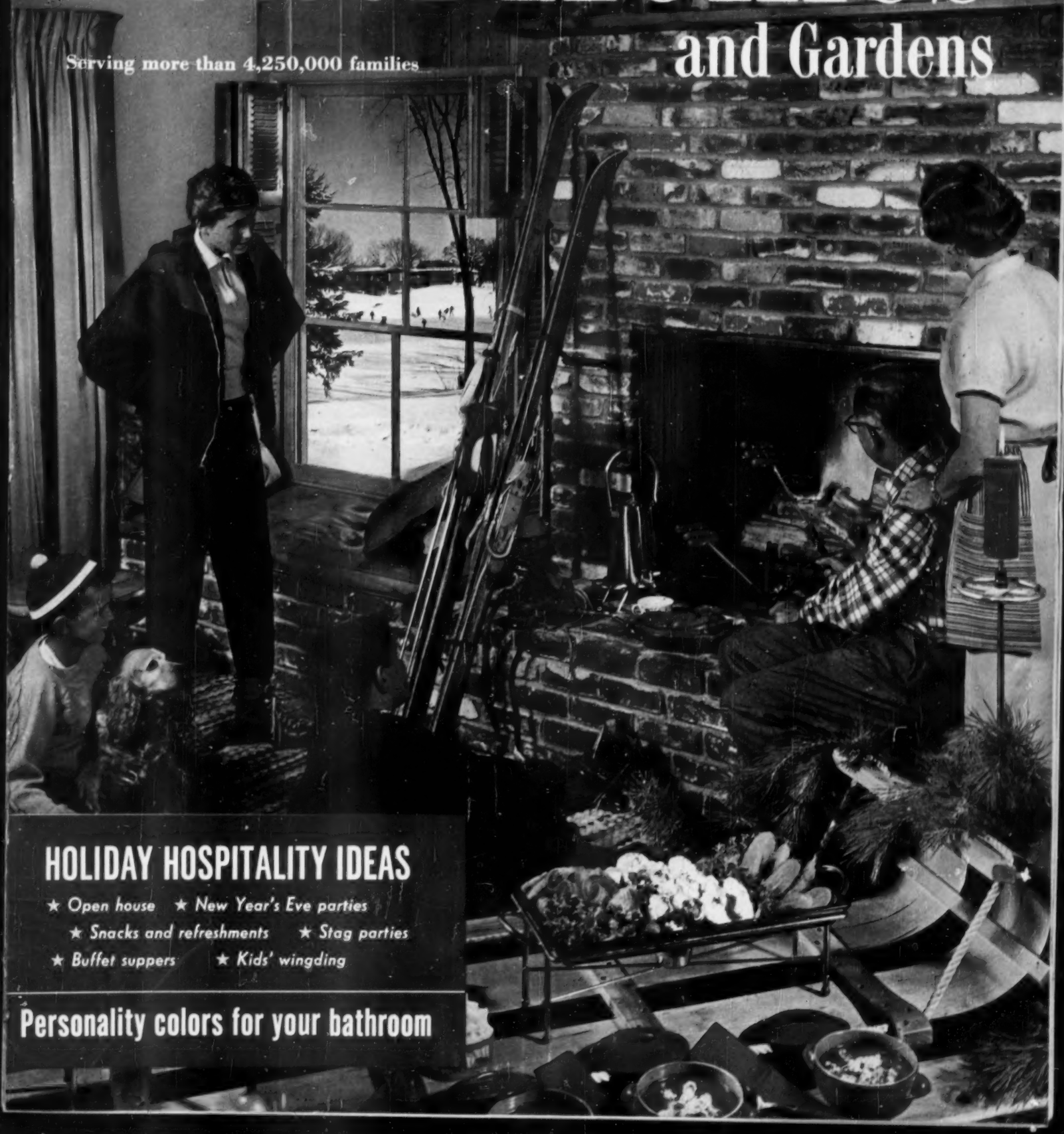

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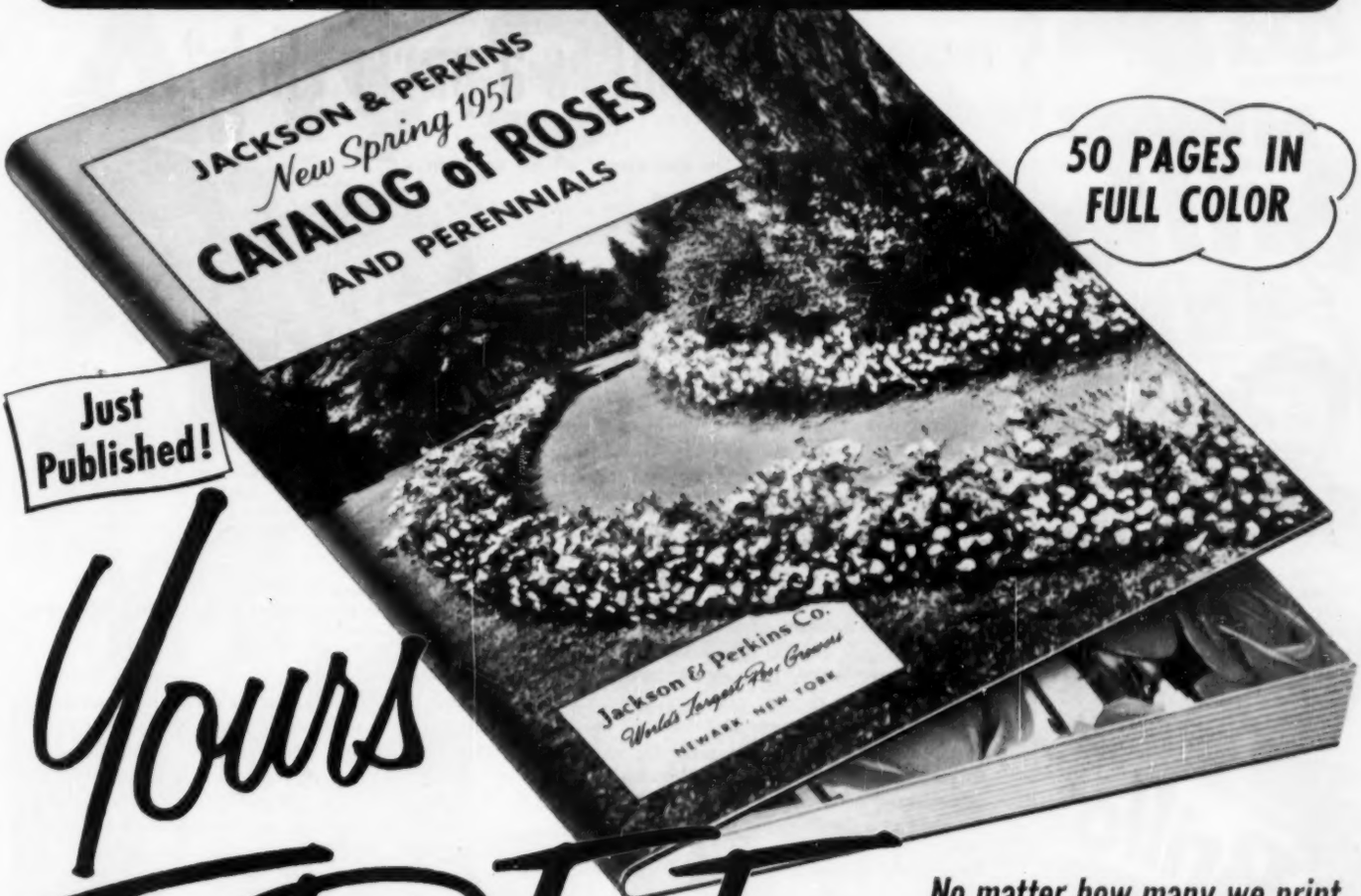

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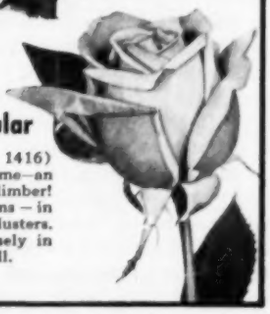

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What makes a party click?

By Sally Dunstan

Here are ways to successful entertaining

Balance your guest list

The basic ingredient for a successful party is the right combination of people. Don't try to include at one time everyone you know or owe.

The easiest thing to do, if you're a beginner, is to invite people who already know and like each other. It's an almost never-fail recipe.

Bolder and more experienced party givers will want to try different combinations. Many guests really enjoy meeting new people . . . and friendships, romances, and business associations have had their share of beginnings at parties.

The right balance of personalities, within a framework of not-too-dissimilar interests and backgrounds, should be your aim. For every shy individual, ask at least one person who knows how to draw others out, and then see that these two get together. Don't ask all extroverts, though, or you'll have too much competition for attention. People who are genuinely interested in other people are your best bet.

Host and hostess set the pace

The role played by host or hostess is another key to successful party giving. Parties today are more casual than they used to be; they're easier to give, and more fun. It's the era now of the buffet spread, the servantless service.

Still, the responsibility of host and hostess remains the same: to make their guests feel at home. It is the husband and wife working together as a team who can do this best, deciding ahead of time who is going to do what.

Create a party atmosphere

One thing they should do is to help create a party mood and keep it alive. This is a challenge. It would seem that when people arrive at a party, they should be set to enjoy themselves, but this is not always the case. Too often they are still immersed in their own problems.

A good host or hostess starts working on this

Servantless service is no problem at the buffet meal

The successful party begins with careful preplanning

before the party begins by creating a party atmosphere. It needn't be fancy; the most important components are the setting and lighting.

As for setting, remember that the party you hold in your living room will be more formal than the one in your recreation room or in the back yard. The formal setting may be what you want. But for a casual, relaxed, "fun" party—if you have no other place than the living room for entertaining—try having some of your guests sit on pillows on the rug, or on those "crazy" chairs whose seats rest directly on the floor. Or simply roll up the rug and dance!

Never give any kind of a party with harsh, overhead lights. Use lamps or other indirect lighting. Better yet, try firelight or candles.

Feel the pulse of your party

A party "clicks" when it gathers enough momentum to move along on its own. You can almost feel it in the air when this happens. Until then, the host or hostess has provided stimulation. Now he, or she, can relax, knowing it is well on the way to success.

Plan activities

To start a party moving, it helps to plan something that will invite the guests to participate. Dancing, games, lively conversation—anything that makes people feel they have a part. Costume parties, though harder to get people to cooperate in, have a way of making each person feel involved in the preparations. Try a "This is Your Life" party for an adult's birthday, with each guest primed to be somebody in the person's past. Get a good emcee and a tape recorder. You'll agree you never had so many laughs.

Your party needn't be boisterous to be a success. An evening of listening to good music can give guests a feeling of participation if they are music lovers. Know your crowd; project yourself into their shoes while planning your party, and your plans will translate themselves into a shared, satisfying experience. [*Turn to page 8*

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No party should adhere to a rigid, unyielding schedule. Flexibility is the key to fun; recreation stands for 're-creation.'

Don't make excuses

Never put off having a party because you can't do it in the same style as somebody else. Do things in your own way—in keeping with your own budget and surroundings—and your entertaining will have a flavor all its own.

In a neighborhood or in a group where everybody knows everybody else, potluck parties are frequently the order of the day. Sharing the load on refreshments is not unusual, for today's young couple entertains oftener and more casually than their parents did. Besides—bringing the potato chips or salad may be just the thing to make a guest feel that important role of participation that makes a party click.

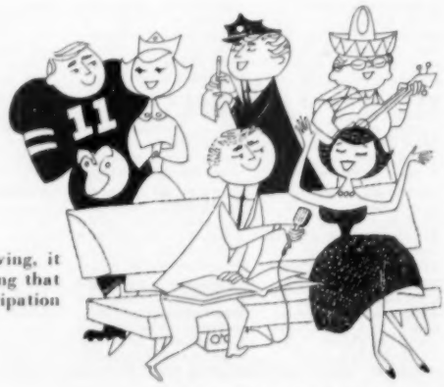
Don't apologize

Never apologize for anything at your own party. If your cake falls or your house isn't the way you'd like it, or the man of the house polishes his shoes with the guest towel, just make the best of it. An apology focuses attention on you and your problems, instead of on your guests.

Enjoy your own party

The successful party is planned so that the person doing the entertaining can be as relaxed as the guests. Take advantage of this fact by keeping your party simple enough so you don't have to fuss. If you're the kind who enjoys elaborate arrangements, put your work and effort into the planning and preparation. Nobody has a good time when the hostess appears strained; everything should *seem* effortless, once her guests arrive.

In the last analysis, giving a party is like giving a gift; it's the motive that counts. When you plan a party not merely to "pay people back," but to give your friends an afternoon or evening of enjoyment, you'll find that having parties can be twice as much fun as going to them!



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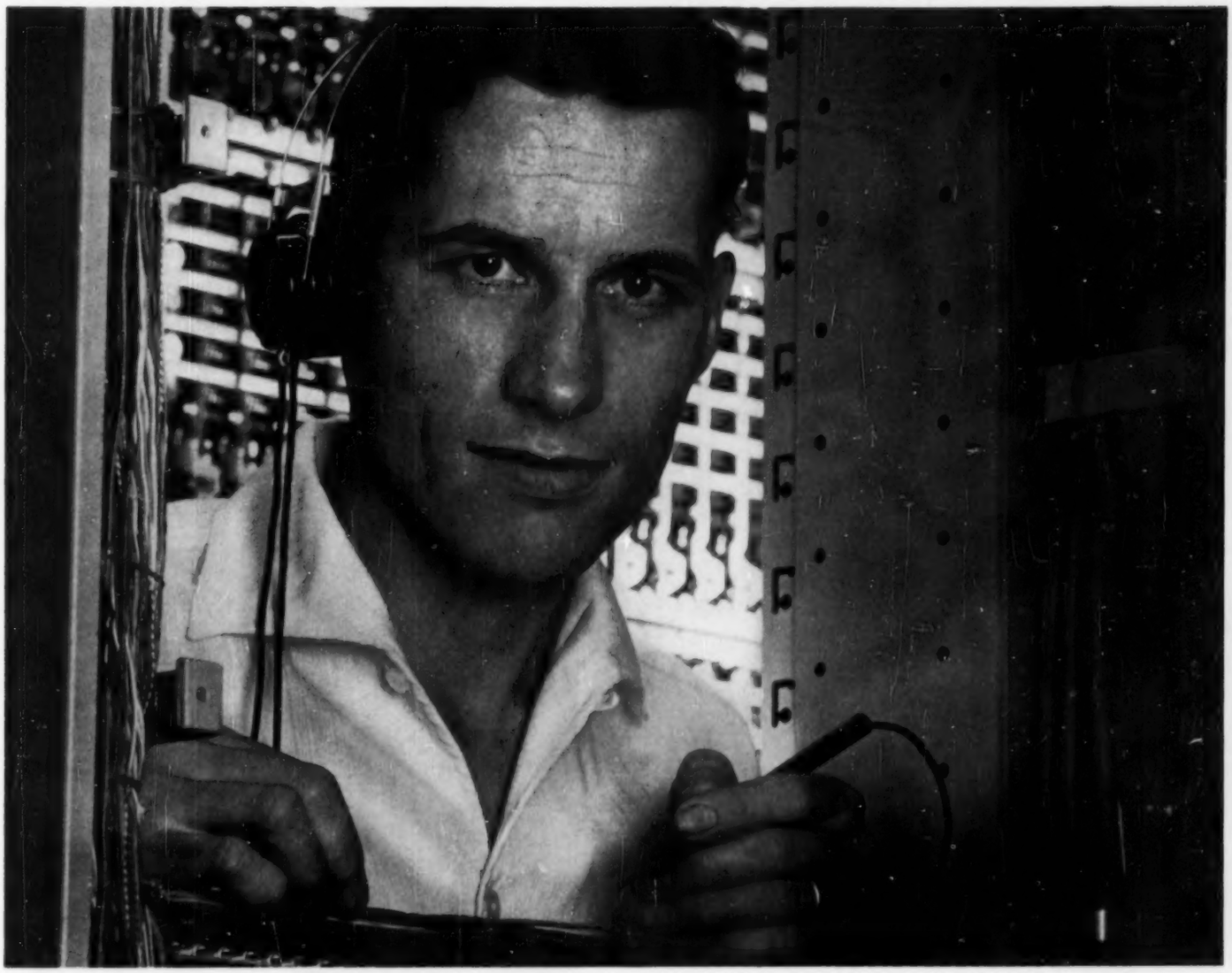

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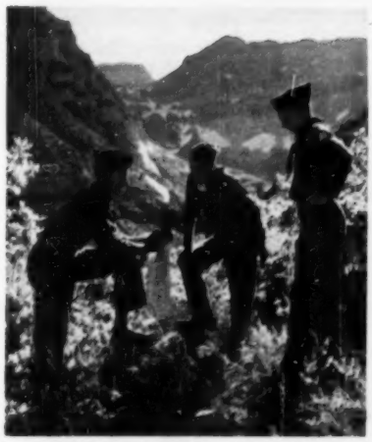

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FEW home-maintenance jobs are easier than putting broken or rickety chairs and tables back into service. These tips show you how—with equipment you already have in your workshop...

By Stanley Schuler

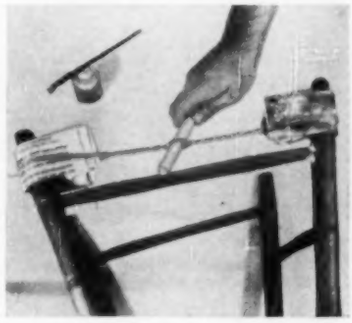
Once an old dressing table stuck away in an attic corner, this handsome desk-chair combination was remodeled, repaired, and refinished to go with the family's other living-room furniture. Only a minimum of tools and materials are required to accomplish jobs such as this

Loose rungs, slats, and legs are easy to mend

To repair loose rungs (or slats or legs) remove rung from socket and sand or file off glue on end and in socket.

Apply new glue to end of rung and in socket—then reassemble. Loop tourniquet clamp around legs and cinch it tight until glue dries.

Folded newspaper protects legs from heavy cord.



your old furniture

For extremely loose members, clean off glue, apply new adhesive, and wrap end of member with thread to take up the extra space.

Then spread glue on thread and insert member into socket. Clamp until glue sets. It's best to use a waterproof glue for furniture repairs.

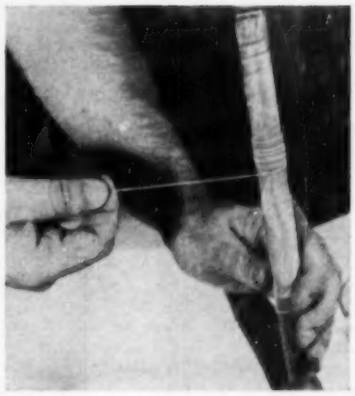
Screw holds loose member in position, if no other cure works. Drill small pilot hole in socket to accept the screw. Countersink the hole slightly.

After you run screw in, file head slightly (not enough to eliminate slot) to conform with contour of the stock.

Mend jagged breaks this way: Apply glue to broken surfaces, press them together, and wipe off the excess adhesive.

Then wrap joint with several thicknesses of wax paper and bind joint with cord.

If member is broken off sharply at right angle to the grain, it's best to substitute a new rung you can make.



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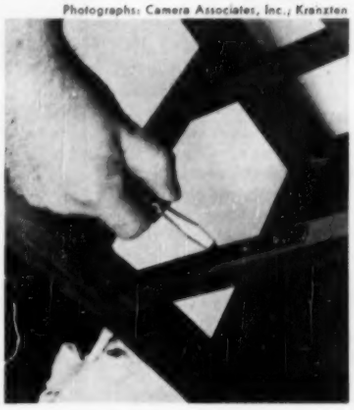
For square and rectangular members, apply glue to break and reinforce joint with one or two metal mending plates.

If metal will show, mortise (recess) plates in wood and cover them over with wood putty stained to match wood.



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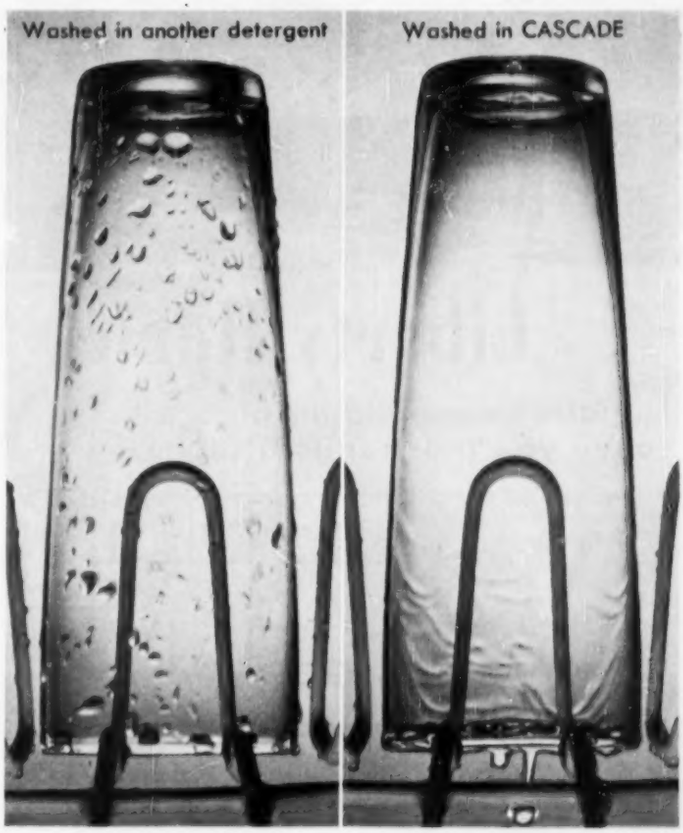

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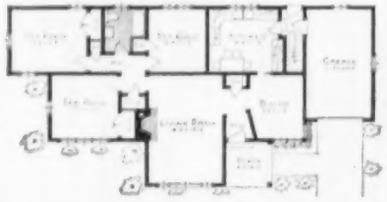

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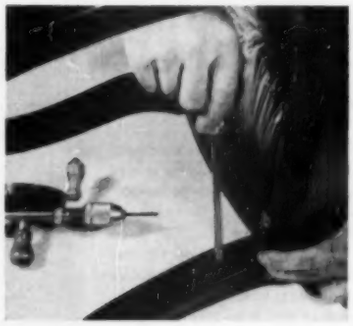
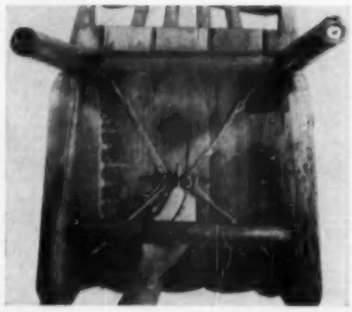


Metal corner braces are the easy answer to bracing wobbly chair legs. Position brace at joint and drive in screws.

If brace will show, mortise it into the stock.

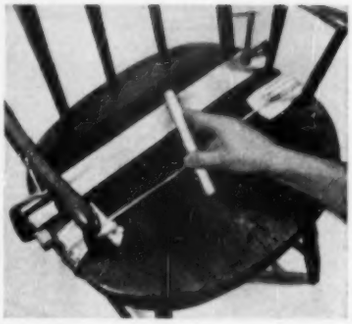
Hint: Whenever running screws into furniture, drill pilot hole for screw first. Center punch stock to accept the tip of the drill.



Entire chair wobbly? This is a common problem with light chairs that have rush or fabric seats. To repair them, twist screw hooks in legs at back.

Attach wire to hooks, then to turnbuckle, as shown. By tightening turnbuckle slowly, whole leg assembly becomes rigid; wires don't show.

Quick repairs for broken chair seats

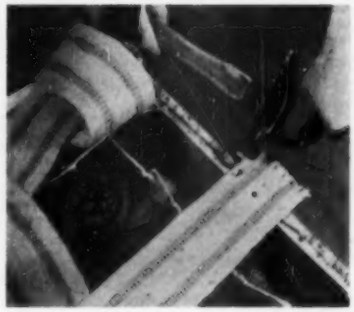


You need glue and clamps to repair partly split wood chair seats. First force glue into split, then pull seat together with tourniquet clamp.

To prevent seat from buckling or curling when clamping pressure is applied, position scrap stock across top and bottom of seat and clamp the ends. Apply the clamping pressure slowly.

For bad splits, bridge break across bottom of seat with wooden braces cut from scrap stock. Solid wood is best.

If split is unusually bad, entire bottom of seat can be reinforced with plywood cut slightly smaller than seat pattern. Screw it in place.



Upholstered seats sometimes become lumpy on top or begin to sag underneath.

To correct such a problem, remove dust cover and webbing under seat and retie springs. Tie one spring to another at both top and bottom, then to the frame of chair.

Retack webbing, or if it's old, replace it with new. Sew the springs to the webbing.

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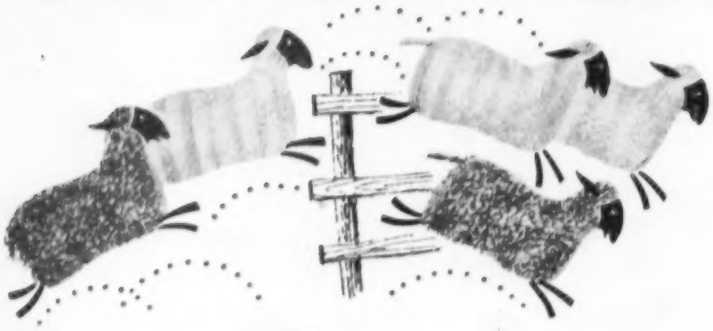

The newest styles in sheets, pillowcases, and towels are much the same as our frisky friends—color has "jumped the fence" to lend personality to bedrooms, baths, and kitchens. And, you'll think you're dreaming when you see new color offered at fabulous white-sale prices!

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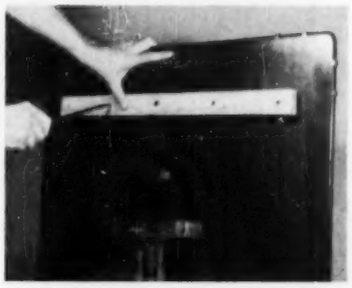
Wood plastic adds length to short legs

One chair or table leg too short? Clean bottom of leg down to bare wood. Put blob of wood plastic on wax paper, press leg into it until chair stands evenly on all legs.

When plastic hardens, trim off excess and paint or stain to match rest of wood. You can buy wood plastic stained.

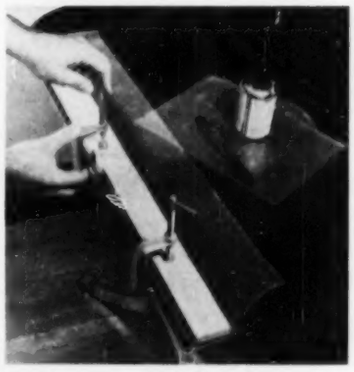
To repair wobbly table legs, cut a 1- to 1½-inch block of scrap wood into a triangle.

Notch it to fit around leg, as pictured. Screw block to frame on each side of leg. This trick also works on some chair legs that are loose.



Warped table top or leaf insert can often be straightened by screwing wooden braces (preferably 1-inch hardwood such as maple or birch) to the bottom, as shown.

Tighten screws gradually—about one turn every 2 or 3 days. Too much pressure at once may crack the top.



Veneer on table tops or other furniture pieces sometimes comes loose around the edge.

To reglue it, first scrape out the old glue and apply new with a thin spatula. Cover wood with wax paper, and clamp layers of wood together.

When wood is badly scarred or dented, repair it by dipping melted shellac stick into hole and sanding to level of the surrounding wood.

If veneer is too far gone for shellac-stick cure, cut out damaged portion. Scrape the base wood clean. Then cut a matching patch from new piece of veneer.

Sand patch to level of surrounding wood and refinish it to match rest of the piece.

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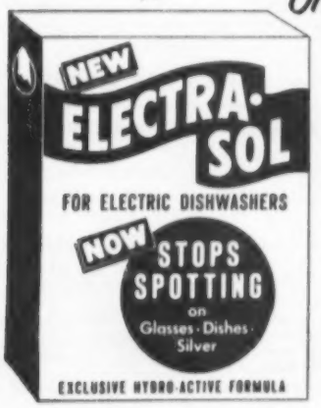

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little dog gone?

By Dr. Wayne H. Riser

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Pattern is easily made, sewing is fast

1 **Draw your initial** with ruler and pencil using ¼-inch graph paper or plain paper you square off. Here's a guide for placing letter in rectangle.

Background rectangles on page 71 are 3¾x10½ inches for large bath-size towels, 3x8½ for smaller hand size. Both letters are ¼ inch wide. Small "M" has ½-inch margin on all sides; larger has ¾ inch.

2 **Copy your initial** on tracing paper. (Regular weight airmail paper substitutes well for tracing paper.)

Now cut out rectangle and pin in place near edge on one corner of towel. The "M" shown here is 1¼ inches from side; ½ inch up from border. Rectangle on larger towel (see page 71) is same distance from border but 1¾ inches from the side.

3 **Stitch the background** with any of several decorative stitches which give light, flexible results.

This pattern uses the double needle featured by some zigzag machines. With it you can stitch parallel rows of most decorative stitches and interlocked stitch effects. Two needles on a single shank fit into groove of needle bar as single needle does. Two spools are used, making two colors possible.

To sew, stitch along lines and fill in the space around the letter in rectangle. Exposed paper over initial falls away; paper under stitching holds it up so stitches don't sink into towel.

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These potatoes were deep fried with another shortening for 4 minutes at 365 degrees. Compare these results with the potatoes on the right.

These potatoes were deep fried in Fluffo for the same time at the same temperature as those on the left. The overall golden browning is typical of golden Fluffo frying.

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Fluffo even handles differently; it's so much lighter and fluffier it's a joy to use. Blends with fewer, easier strokes, and the golden color lets you see how perfectly you're mixing cake batter or pie dough. Try golden Fluffo; how can you possibly miss?

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Cookies, cakes, and desserts

Oatmeal cooky mix gives the delicious, lacy kind of drop cooky. Children will like to make them, they're so easy. Just add water to the contents of the 15-ounce package; drop from spoon on greased cooky sheet and bake. Makes two dozen 3-inch cookies.

Chiffon-cake mix whips up to a mile-high beauty—moist and delicate. You'll want to try all the fruit flavor variations suggested on the wrapper. The 1-pound 2½-ounce box contains a package of egg whites, one of flour mixture, and another of liquid shortening. You add only 2 fresh eggs and water. Bake cake in either a 10-inch angel-cake pan or in 2 loaf pans.

Lemon-flake cake mix gives a lemon yellow, fresh-flavored cake—tender, light, and pretty. You use a speedy, one-step mixing method—just add water and 2 eggs. Packed in a 1-pound 3-ounce package. Makes an 8- or 9-inch layer cake, a 9-inch square, a large oblong cake, or 2 dozen cupcakes.

Graham-cracker crumbs come in 13¾-ounce packages—ready for use in crumb-crust pies and puddings. No rolling out crackers into crumbs—a real timesaver. Each bag has crumbs enough for three 9-inch piecrusts.

Meats, main dishes

Frozen fillet of turkey breast is boned, ready for thawing and cooking. There's no waste! Recipes for stuffing the fillets, pan-frying, and baking are given on the wrapper. Three servings in a 12-ounce package.

Canned macaroni with beef in tomato sauce. The macaroni is tender but firm, the beef is ground but still chunky, and the tomato sauce is delicately spiced and subtly flavored with cheese. The 15¼-ounce can gives 2 generous servings.

Frozen fish balls come bite-size, precooked and browned—are ready to heat and eat. These balls contain cooked fresh fish (cod, haddock, or ocean perch), mashed potatoes, and seasonings. Excellent for quick meals or hot appetizers. Twenty fish pieces in each 8-ounce package—3 servings as a meal or 6 as an appetizer.

Extras for your table

Mustard sauce with a sweet-hot flavor to pep up meat, cheese, fish. Dandy for adding flavor to sauces for vegetables and to fruit-salad dressing. It comes in a 5¼-ounce jar.

Minced white onions—the answer for folks who like to use onions in cooking, but don't like to prepare them. Onions are finely and uniformly minced, then dried. All you do is soak the flakes in water for 5 minutes, and they're ready to use. Jar holds 2⅛ ounces.

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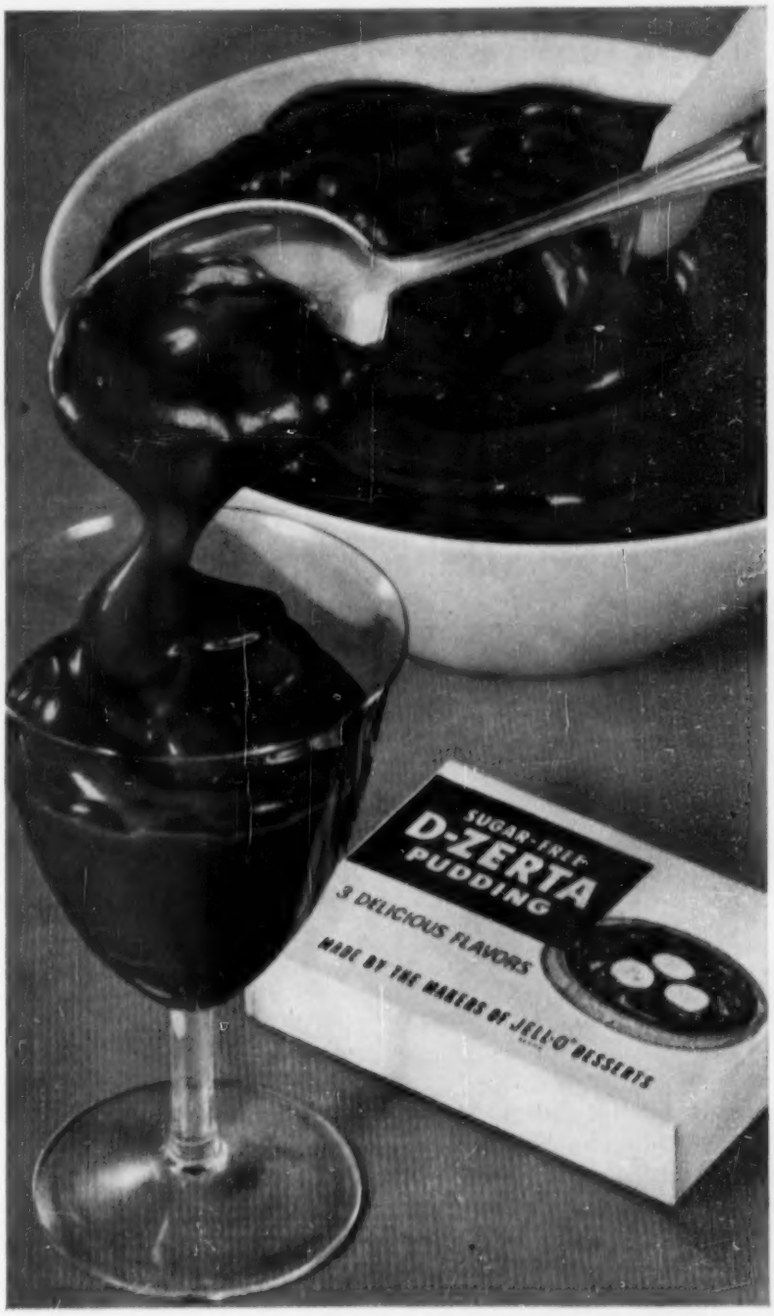

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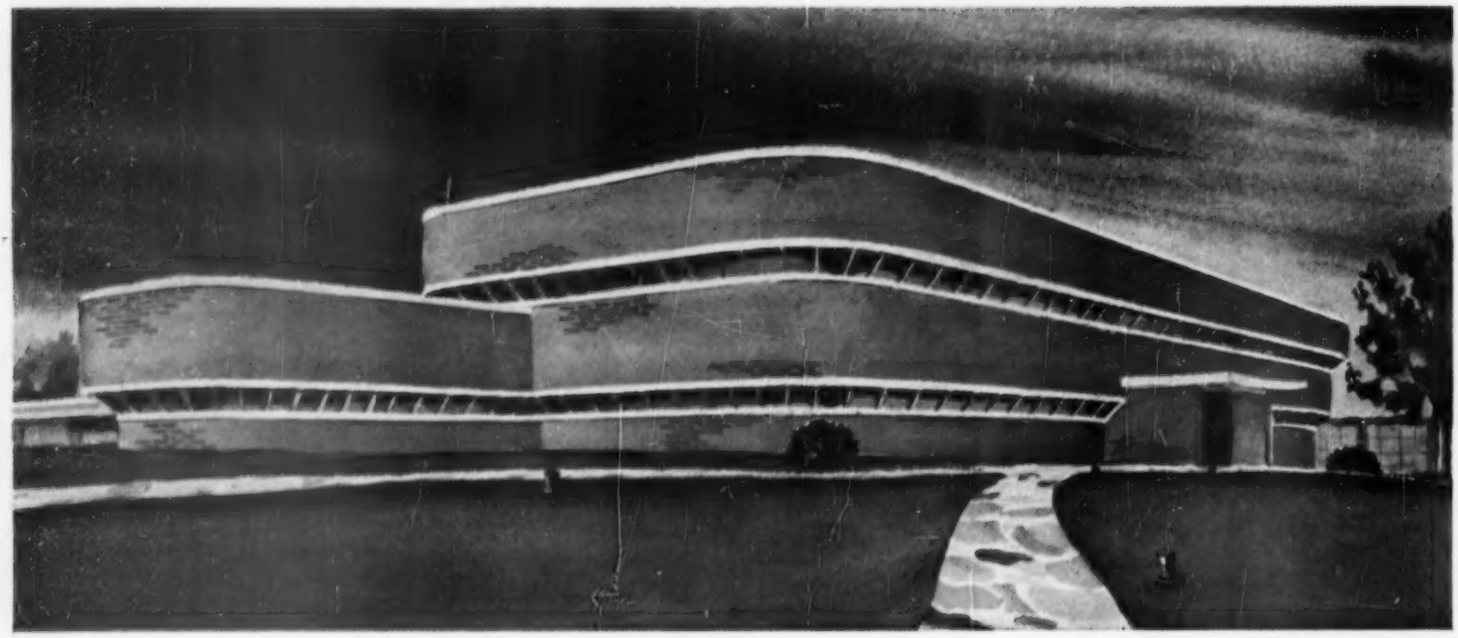

Executive Offices by Gene M. Love

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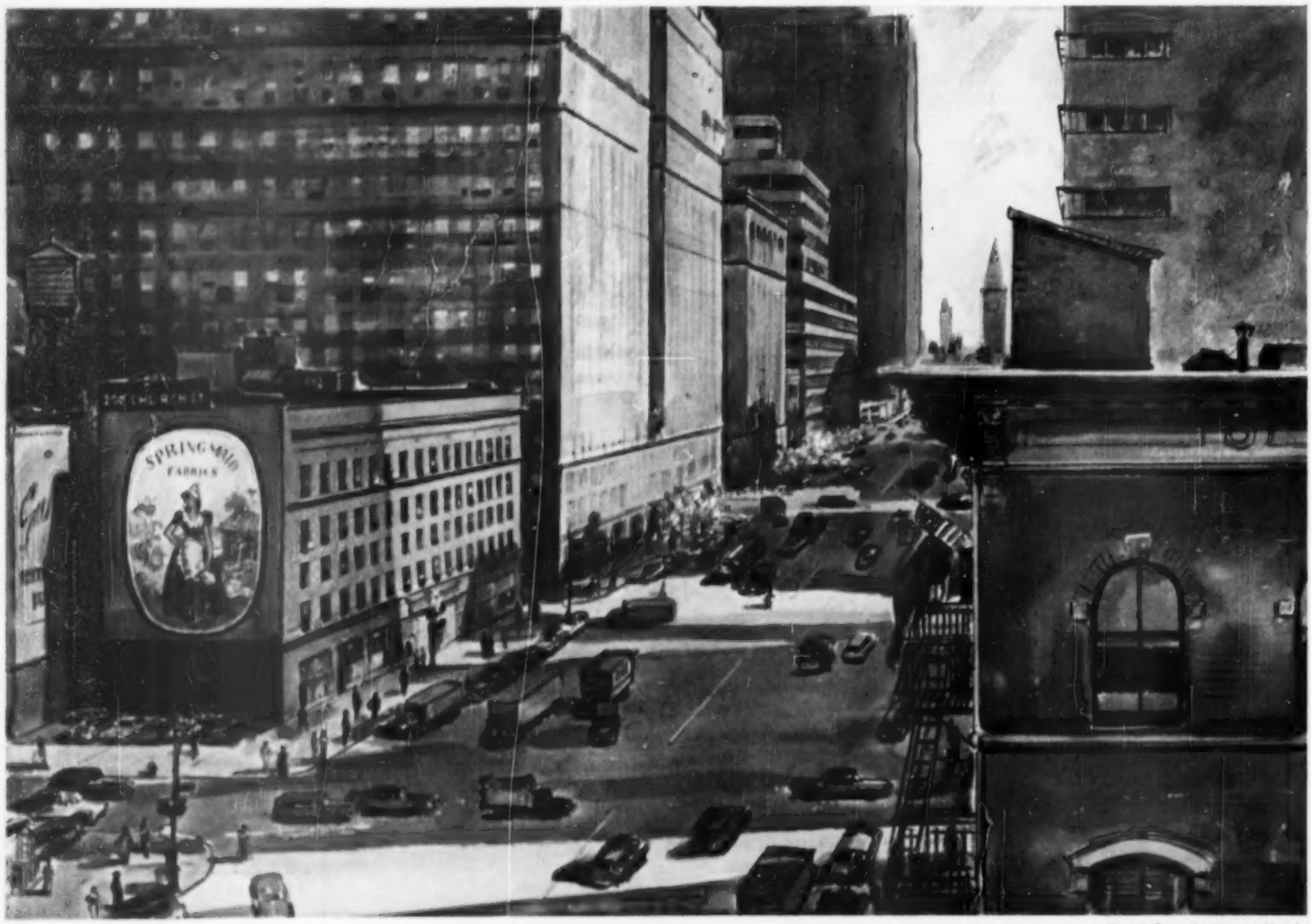

Church Street by Clayton Knight

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By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

New Bermuda a "velvet carpet"

Uganda grass is one of the newest of the "wonder grasses," and perhaps as promising as any. My order, shipped in a burlap bag, resembled a mess of shredded wheat when it arrived, but it produced a luxurious, soft green carpet when planted.

Uganda is a variety of Bermuda, but much less aggressive. It is extremely fine bladed and comes closer to "a velvet carpet" than any grass I have yet seen.

Its winter hardiness is unknown. Only a test winter or two will decide that. However, it certainly looks promising for areas where other Bermuda survives.

Hornets, wasps, and yellow jackets

If you have to kill wasps next summer, remember this suggestion from the U.S.D.A.—spray at night, while the wasps are in their nests. Soaking the nests with a DDT or chlordane spray will do the trick.

But if you have hornets or yellow jackets, use carbon tetrachloride, which you can get at a drugstore. Soak a wad of cotton in the chemical and plug up the nests. Then you can knock the pests into a bag and burn them.

Dalapon kills Johnson grass

Gardeners in the South will welcome the news that Dalapon kills Johnson grass, as tough a pest as any gardener must face.

For best control, apply the first spray when the grass is about 6 inches tall. Follow with three more sprayings spaced 3 weeks apart. This program should kill between 95 and 98 percent of the grass.

Dalapon doesn't injure broad-leaved shrubs and flowers. But it does kill practically all grasses and is toxic to stone fruits—such as cherries, peaches, and plums. For this reason, it cannot be used to destroy Johnson grass in a lawn or around the fruits mentioned above. It is safe, however, around apples and pears.

Tomatoes like cool start

In the past, specialists have recommended growing tomatoes at relatively warm temperatures—over 60 degrees. When grown at lower temperatures, tomato stems often turn purple. Commercial growers would often reject these seedlings when doing field planting.

Now, research workers at Michigan State University find that chilled tomato plants actually flower and fruit earlier than those grown at warmer temperatures.

Tomato seedlings grown at 50 degrees for 3 weeks after germination, then grown at 60 degrees or higher, developed flower clusters sooner. As a result, chilled plants produced 65 percent more fruit.

Left wall, 16 in. x 8 ft. planks. Far walls, 16 in. square blocks. Interior by Ving Smith.

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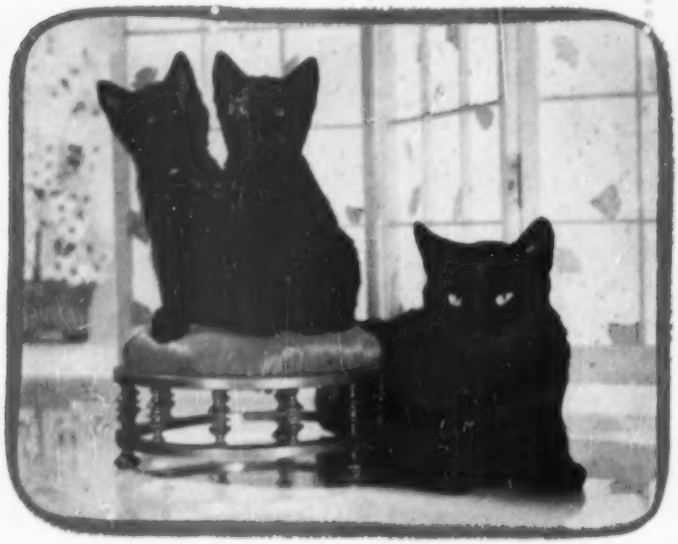

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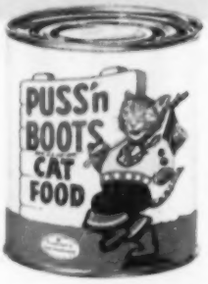

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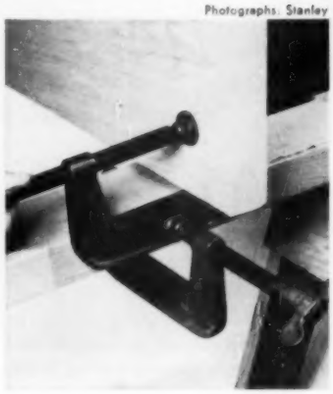


Emergency vise for planing, sanding, and drilling stock on the job is easy to fashion with two sawhorses and four clamps.

Clamp one clamp to edge of the sawhorse and lock stock in other one, as shown. Do same with other end of stock.

For short boards, two clamps may be adequate. Be sure wood is clamped tightly.

Jack Patton
Fullerton, California

Protect edges of trim, molding, and baseboard from paint splatters when you're painting walls with a roller or brush by covering it with strips of wide masking tape.

This is much easier than removing trim and then nailing it back when the job is finished.

Remove face plates on electrical outlets, switches, etc.

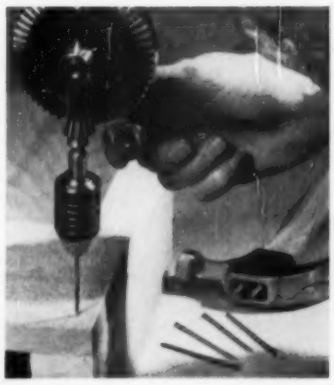
John Metz
Miami, Florida

Doors slide better—and so do drawers—if you keep tracks and guides lubricated.

Good lubricant for this job is regular soap—or beeswax—which is usually handy.

Simply run the soap along track or over guide. Never use oil; it collects dirt which may cause door or drawer to slide hard or even stick.

C. C. Brooks
Seattle, Washington



Stock often split when you drive nails through it?

Next time, use the old, but worth repeating, trick of predrilling holes for nails as you would for screws. Holes should be slightly smaller than diameter of the nails.

Another way: Blunt points of nails with a hammer before you drive them in.

Carl Madison
New York, New York

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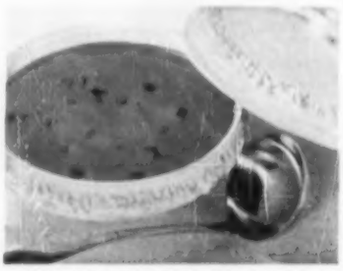

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How-to for the handyman

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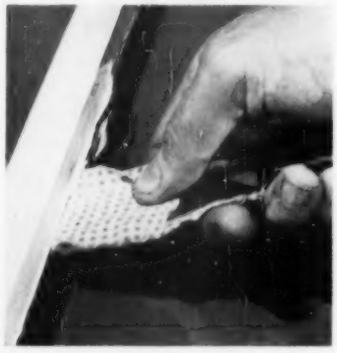
Drill press accuracy with hand-driven auger bits and drills is easy to get with this jig cut from scrap piece of 2x4.

V slot (two 45-degree angles sawed out of end) serves as a guide to start bits straight.

Also, use it to check alignment of bit as hole is bored. Smaller block is best for power-driven wood drills.

Robert Marse
Miami, Florida



Fresh paint smears on window panes are always hard to wipe off without removing some paint on glazing and frame.

A good method which leaves required ⅛-inch paint seal on glass next to putty line is to use a cloth-covered putty knife.

Stretch strip of cloth over blade and run it about ⅛ inch from glazing, as shown. Change the cloth frequently.

R. D. Kramer
Polo, Illinois

Saw cuts glass-fiber insulation—especially type covered on both sides with heavy paper—leaving the edges neatly trimmed instead of ragged as when it's torn by hand.

Place between two fairly narrow boards to compress, and saw away from yourself, with saw reversed as shown.

Edge of boards acts as a saw guide. A crosscut saw will do the best job.

Lowell Lynn
Union City, Tennessee

Substitute holder for hacksaw blades—used for tight-quarter work where regular hacksaw frame is too big to go—is easy to make with dowel and tape as shown.

Pick dowel that's same diameter as blade is wide, saw kerf down center of it, insert blade, and wrap with tape.

Short broken blade is best; it won't buckle or break during the sawing operation.

Bill Martin
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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How will you borrow to buy or remodel?

By Ronald M. Deutsch

Half the work of getting a good home loan is knowing the kinds available and what each has to offer. Here, five families—using five different plans—tell why they borrowed the way they did. Here, you'll learn there is a best mortgage plan for every family—your family included!

Case I. Art Greene, fresh out of the service, with less than $1,000 to find a home.
Type of loan. The Greenes used Art's veteran's rights for a V.A. mortgage—"low-low" initial costs and 30 years to repay.

After 3 years of living in Navy Quonset huts, Art and Barbara Greene were more than ready for a home of their own. "With only $942 tucked away," Art recalls, "we knew our only hope was a G.I. loan."

It took the Greenes just a few weeks to settle on a small, but well-designed frame house on the outskirts of town. The group of 30 new look-alikes to which it belonged was advertised for its, "Low, Low Down-Payment to Vets! Terms Cheaper Than Rent!"

Long before the homes were built, the builder had secured two things. One was a promise from a savings-and-loan firm to lend money to qualified buyers. The other was approval from the Veterans Administration of price and plans.

The V.A. lends no money. It simply guarantees a portion of the veteran's loan from a private lender. But this guarantee makes lenders more willing to oblige.

Ordinarily, lenders want at least a fourth of the purchase price paid in cash. And they demand that borrowers have good records of repaying other loans. (Few young couples have had many credit relationships.)

Uncle Sam acts as a rich relative who says, "Go ahead and lend the money. I'll back the young man. But I must know that he gets a long, low-interest loan, that the house is worth what he pays, and that he can afford to keep it."

Because of these restrictions, Art Greene had to fill out a mound of forms—proving his eligibility, and describing his income, his possessions, his obligations, his family. He then left a $50 deposit with the salesman—refundable if the loan failed to go through—and settled back to wait for V.A. approval.

Art's forms went first to the lending bank, which approved his credit, and then to the Veterans Administration's local office.

The price of the home was $12,653.06. The Greens would have to make a 2-percent down payment—$253.06. They would have to pay $240 in a variety of closing costs. (V.A. restrictions assure the buyer these costs won't be excessive.)

At 4½-percent interest for 30 years (V.A. maximums), Art promised to pay $62.84 monthly. He also would pay $20 a month to an impounds account, which takes care of local taxes and insurance. To Art, these sums seemed within easy reach of his $350-a-month salary as a TV repairman. But here he runs into what lenders call "ability to pay."

V.A. experts added to the $82.84 of monthly payments an extra $10 for maintenance, $20 for utilities. They then subtracted taxes from Art's salary. They got these figures: Income, $325. Monthly obligations, $112.84.

The V.A. man asked Art to come [*Turn to page 31*

For reference now or later, here's your index to the five best financing plans. One may buy or remodel the house you want

Case I. V.A. loan ..... **page 28**

Government backs your credit. Bank then can write larger loan, for longer period—and at lower interest.

Case II. F.H.A. guarantee ..... **page 31**

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Conveniences, terms, may be in your favor if you've funds in the bank, are building something "new."

Case IV. F.H.A. trade-in plan ..... **page 95**

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Case V. Open-end advance ..... **page 96**

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How will you borrow to buy?

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in for a talk. "You're leaving $214 a month," he said, "for all but house expenses for you, your wife, and your little boy. That may make a rather tight budget."

Art said his boss had promised a raise in 6 months and would send a letter to that effect.

"Another thing," said the V.A. man. "A new home demands a certain amount of decorating. You haven't much furniture. You'll have less than $500 in the bank to pay for draperies and rugs and such. And with so much income tied up, installment credit will be hard to get."

Art explained that Barbara's parents were donating a good deal of furniture. He spoke confidently. "We're willing to make a few sacrifices," he said.

The Greenes moved into their new home several months ago. Now Barbara comments. "We're still glad we bought our house. But for a while there were so many things we couldn't afford. We needed landscaping badly. And there just wasn't any money left for luxuries—none for baby sitters or decorative touches. Some of the rooms still look awfully bare.

"Now we think it might have been wiser to wait. We know now that it takes capital to move into a new home."

The experts comment. When you buy a home, it's good to realize how many expenses there'll be, and leave a comfortable financial margin. And when your ability to pay proves questionable, it's wise to stop and think. The people who determine your financial status for loan purposes are experts with a great deal of experience.

Remember that large loans for long periods of time are costly. If the loan runs its full time, you'll pay more than double the actual price of your home.

Remember, too, that the V.A.'s guarantee is made on behalf of one particular veteran. If you sell your mortgage to someone, and the V.A. should have to pay out its guarantee on the house, *you* owe the government its loss. When selling a G.I. home, try to get the buyer to find his own financing. Then you needn't take the risk of selling your contract to him.

Case II. The George Simpsons moved to Jacksonville, Florida, with funds in the bank and a yen for the spaciousness an older house could give them.

Type of loan: F.H.A. guarantee. Allowed the family maximum mortgage money that helped conserve savings for improvements Simpsons had to make.

[With this issue on the presses, F.H.A. interest rates were increased ½ percent—to 5 percent (plus the ½-percent mutual mortgage insurance). Obviously, this will change the figures in the example here, but the advantage noted above remains true.]

George Simpson had been transferred from his firm's home office in St. Louis to head the Jacksonville, Florida, branch. The Simpsons had been saving steadily for a home. "We fell in love with Jacksonville," says Marian, "and we were tired of moving from one rental to another. We felt this was the time and place to settle down."

In one of the older sections of the town the Simpsons found a roomy two-story home. "Thirty years old," says Marian, "but with a bedroom for each of the three children."

Owned by an estate, the house was priced at $15,000. Since the Simpsons had $5,300, and George's income was $6,800 a year, they felt the house was well within their means. George gave the realtor who was selling the house a $500 deposit—careful to get a receipt stating this was to be refunded if the Simpsons couldn't get Federal Housing Administration (F.H.A.) financing.

F.H.A. works much as V.A. does. It lends nothing, but insures the home purchase of any qualified applicant. It insures loans of up to 93 percent of the first $9,000 and 73 percent of the rest of the appraisal. This is more than any private lender can advance on his own.

Through the realtor, George submitted papers describing the house and his own finances. A $20 fee went with the papers.

F.H.A. appraised the value of the house at $13,000. (This is a figure lenders use to calculate loans and is not necessarily the real worth of the property.)

This meant the Simpsons could borrow up to $11,336. With $15,000 the price, it meant a down payment of at least $3,664. George decided to take the maximum loan, figuring the house would take a certain amount of remodeling.

George also requested the maximum length of time to repay, 30 years. But because of the house's age, F.H.A. would give only 20 years. At usual F.H.A. interest of 4½ percent plus a required ½ percent for mutual mortgage insurance, the payment would be about $75 a month—$14 higher than those for 30-year loan.

The Simpsons were disappointed—until the realtor showed them that by shortening the mortgage 10 years, they stood to save nearly $4,000 in interest!

With the deposit, the house had gone into escrow at a bank. The job of the escrow holder is to take in all the documents and money involved in a sale, then make certain the seller really has the right to sell, that the buyer actually pays, and that titles and money go to the right hands.

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How will you borrow to buy or remodel?

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You can buy or sell property without an escrow, but it's unwise. Usually the seller should pay escrow costs.

When the title to the house proved clear, George made the rest of the down payment. "That left us about $1,600 in the bank," says George. The house needed some painting inside, and some of the floors needed refinishing. Marian wanted more storage space, and the furnace broke down within a month.

"In three months we spent $900. And the furniture hardly filled the old house. We bought a little furniture, some rugs and draperies on time, and the down payments cleaned out our savings."

"We didn't mind," said Marian. "After all, that was what we'd saved the money for. But we were glad we'd made just a minimum down payment. We just wish we'd made a more careful estimate of what the house needed before we bought. We're still not happy with the old-fashioned bathroom, for example. We feel that by pointing out the remodeling that was needed, we might have asked the seller to reduce his price a little."

The experts comment. In buying an older house there are bound to be improvements and changes. They add up, fast. It's wise to get an estimate of just what these will cost, to make a list of all repairs, all the furnishings you'll have to buy. They may seem minor unless you add them up. This is one key to how much down payment you can afford. And it won't show up when a lender estimates your ability to pay.

F.H.A.'s interest rate is the same as V.A.'s but F.H.A. asks an extra ½ percent for mutual mortgage insurance, a sort of money pool which protects all F.H.A. lenders. From time to time, this pool accumulates surpluses which are returned to borrowers. You may get part of that ½ percent back. Keep this in mind when comparing F.H.A. loans to other 5-percent loans which allow no rebates.

There are two ways to save on interest costs. One is to make a bigger down payment. But both the Simpsons and the Greenes learned that you need a cushion of savings. For most people, the best way to save interest is to shorten the time of the loan.

Your banker or realtor can help you find the monthly payment you can afford. Then he can calculate the loan time allowed on the house you're buying. Keep the length of repayment short, if you can, without any penny pinching. The Simpsons saved $4,000 by adding $14 a month to their payments.

Remember, you'll usually be told the *maximum* loan length you can get. The lender may even grant a lower interest rate if you take the shorter loan—a double profit for you!

F.H.A. will insure the loan for the building of a home. But it's best if you own the lot free and clear.

F.H.A. loan restrictions protect you from poor financing practices, permit you to prepay your loan if you wish. You may pay up to 15 percent of your loan in any one year. If you pay more you also pay a penalty of 1 percent of the original loan.

Case III. The Ted Prestwicks had original ideas and the kind of savings it takes to build them. With $11,000 in cash and land, they took time to shop around and choose.

Type of loan. Private (conventional) financing. Benefits all around, the Prestwicks discovered, favored their borrowing from the place where they banked.

"We wanted a home that would still look modern in 20 years," says Ted Prestwick, of Los Angeles.

The Prestwicks had hoped to get F.H.A. financing for the construction of their home, but their builder looked at the drawings and shook his head. "I'm afraid F.H.A. won't go for it," he said.

The builder explained that F.H.A. has certain "minimum standards" meant to make sure the buyer gets sound construction and a reasonable assurance of lasting value in the home he builds or buys. It also favors the conventional home, reasoning that if the house had to be sold it would appeal to more potential buyers.

Almost any appraiser will make a low estimate on an unconventional house, but F.H.A. usually goes lower. This means a smaller loan. F.H.A.'s standards are national, too. For example, the roof of an F.H.A.-insured home must have a certain kind of construction intended to support a snow load. The Prestwicks had no worries about snow. Their design was perfectly suited to their climate.

The Prestwicks decided they would keep their plans, and find private financing—what is known as a conventional loan. In this loan there is no government insurance. The lender's protection would be the Prestwicks' good credit, the worth of their home, and the financial stake they put into it.

Ted's builder suggested a loan from an insurance company, at 5 percent. In Los Angeles, he said, the alternatives were a bank loan, at 5½ percent or a loan from a savings-and-loan firm at 6 percent.

Ted asked the builder to find out what the insurance company would lend. The Prestwicks already owned their own lot, for which they'd paid $7,000. The builder's bid was $18,000 for the construction of the house.

The insurance appraiser valued the lot at $6,000, the house at $15,500, a total value of $21,500, on which the loan would be based. On this basis, the insurance company would lend 60 percent, or $12,900. The Prestwicks would need $5,100 more in cash.

A little discouraged, Ted went to his own bank. Its appraisal was higher. (It often is for its own depositors.) $6,500 for the lot. $16,500 for the house. A total of $23,000.

The bank would make a loan of $14,000, a little more than 60 percent. The Prestwicks would need $4,000 in cash.

Service to depositor was one reason for the more liberal loan. But there was another. The insurance company, like F.H.A., was a national organization. The bank a local one. Its appraiser felt that though the house was unusual, it would appeal to many southern California buyers, for it was so well suited to the area.

"To be perfectly honest," said the banker, who knew Ted well, "you can get a still higher loan from a savings-and-loan firm. Banks are restricted by law to lend no more than two-thirds of the value of a house. The savings-and-loans—which make most home loans—can lend up to 75 or 80 percent. But you'll probably pay a slightly higher interest rate. It's a good general rule that in borrowing, the longer and larger the loan, the more you pay for it. The exceptions are government-insured (V. A. or F.H.A.) loans."

Ted and Lucy talked it over, and decided to take the bank loan. They felt they needed the extra money. Ted had also learned that —since he was having a house built —there would be extra charges for an insurance loan. A bank would have to lend the money during construction. Then the insurance company would take over the loan from the bank. This "interim loan" meant extra charges of about $250. These would now be saved by borrowing from the bank.

There were other advantages, Ted learned, to making the loan at his own bank. The papers concerning his home—such as insurance, description of the property, and others—would be easily accessible if he needed them. If for some reason he wanted information about the loan itself, or wanted to change it, there would be no long delays.

When the Prestwicks' credit had been approved, the bank set up the building fund of $18,000, the amount of the builder's bid. The bank supplied $14,000, the Prestwicks put in $4,000.

There were some extra charges, for title insurance, for the taking out of the loan and legal work. These amounted to $240. There was also a charge of $270 for the services of a local builder's control service. "Unless you want a lien-

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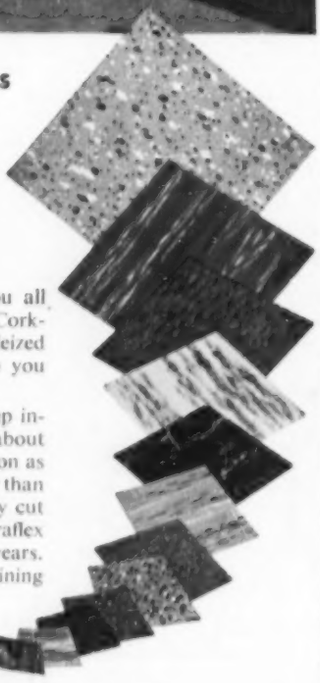

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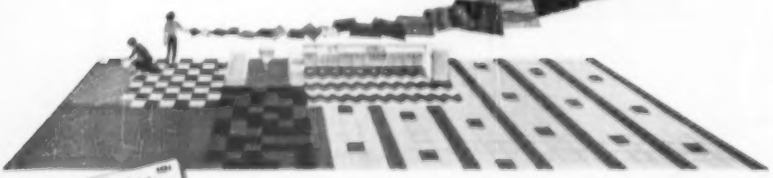

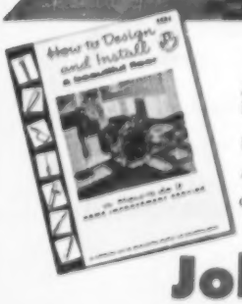

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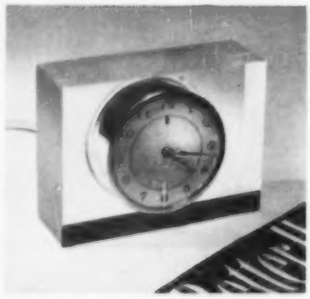
When all else fails. Newest clock on the market has a noteworthy feature: it keeps going when the power fails or a fuse is blown. In fact, you can actually disconnect the clock while using the outlet for other appliances. A spring automatically takes over—without losing a second's time. Pictured crystal model is set in a 4½x6-inch clear-plastic block.

Crystal Duplex Timekeeper, $25, in stores. National Duplex Clock Sales Co., 189 West Madison St., Chicago 2, Ill.



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Highway Safety Kit, $2.19, in stores. Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., New Haven, Conn.

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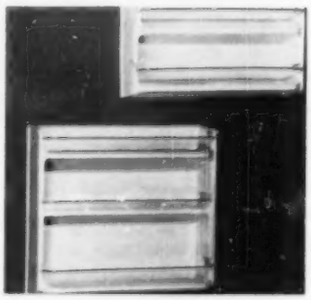
Plastic Shelf Units, $2.49, $3.49, and $4.79 (for 2-, 3-, and 4-shelf units respectively), in stores. Dart Mfg. Co., Mason, Mich.



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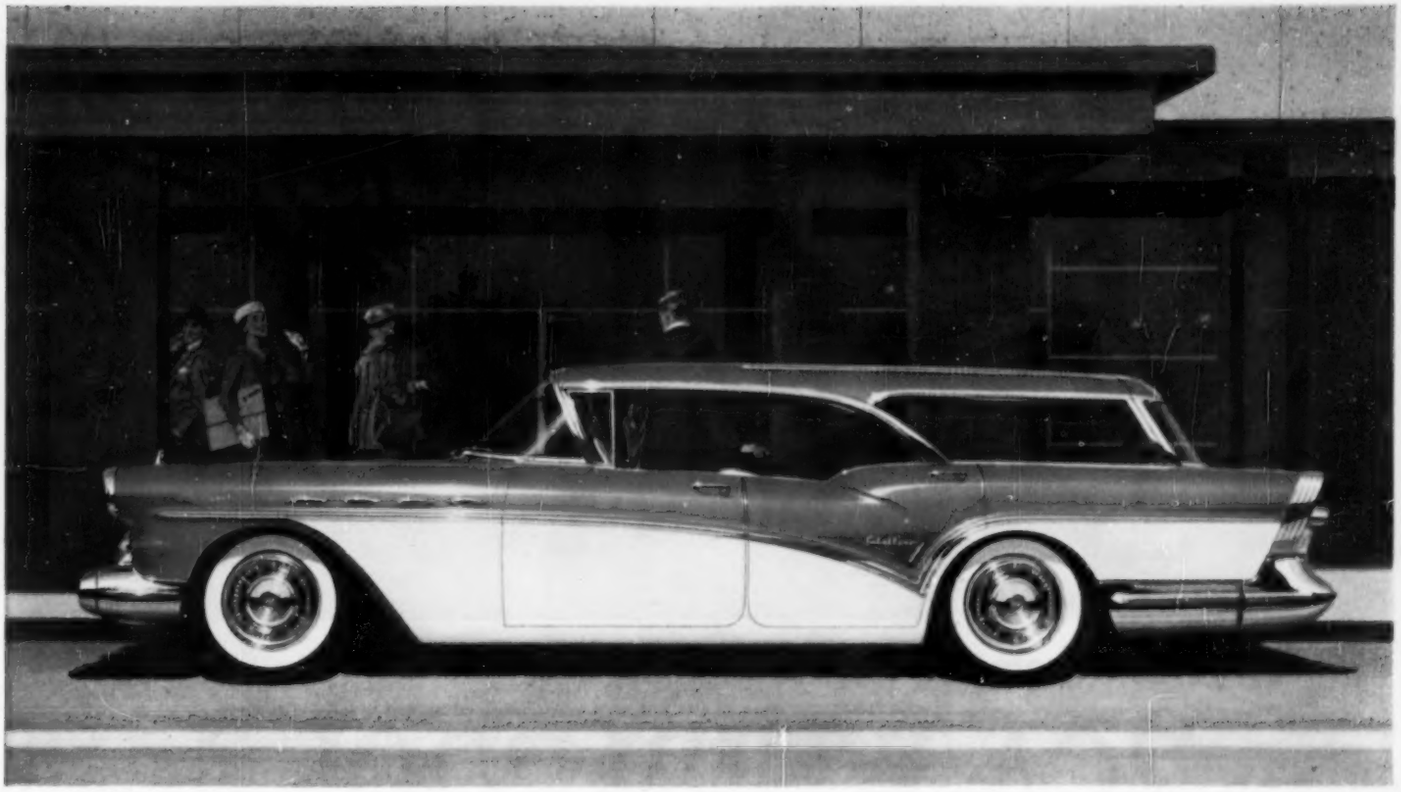

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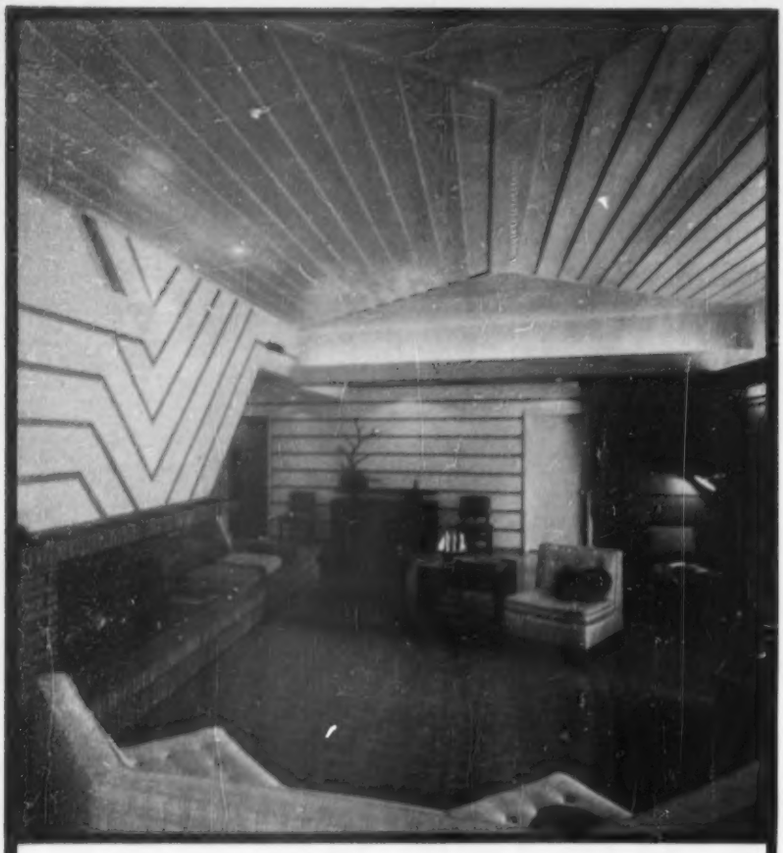

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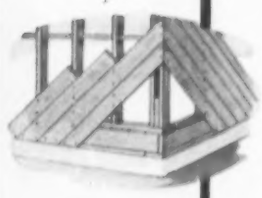

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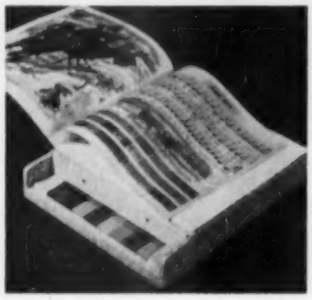
Cooky Jar with Recipes, $2.98, in stores, or ppd. from Eastern China, 522 E. 81st St., New York 28, N.Y.



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My Piano Book, $2.95, in stores. Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., 1107 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

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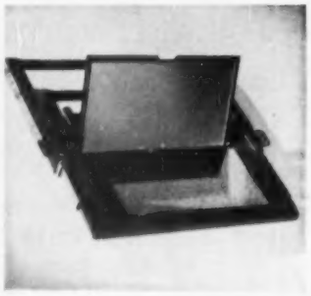
Tilt-Away Fireplace Grate, $15, $16, $17, $18 (for 21-, 24-, 27-, and 30-inch widths respectively), ppd. from I. B. Service, Box 317, Mission, Kans.



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Flashlight that honks. Full-size two-cell flashlight has an electric horn, should be an asset to the harassed motorist who finds himself in a spot on a dark highway. Junior could use the gadget on his bicycle, too. Or a Boy Scout might find it handy for signaling his pals.

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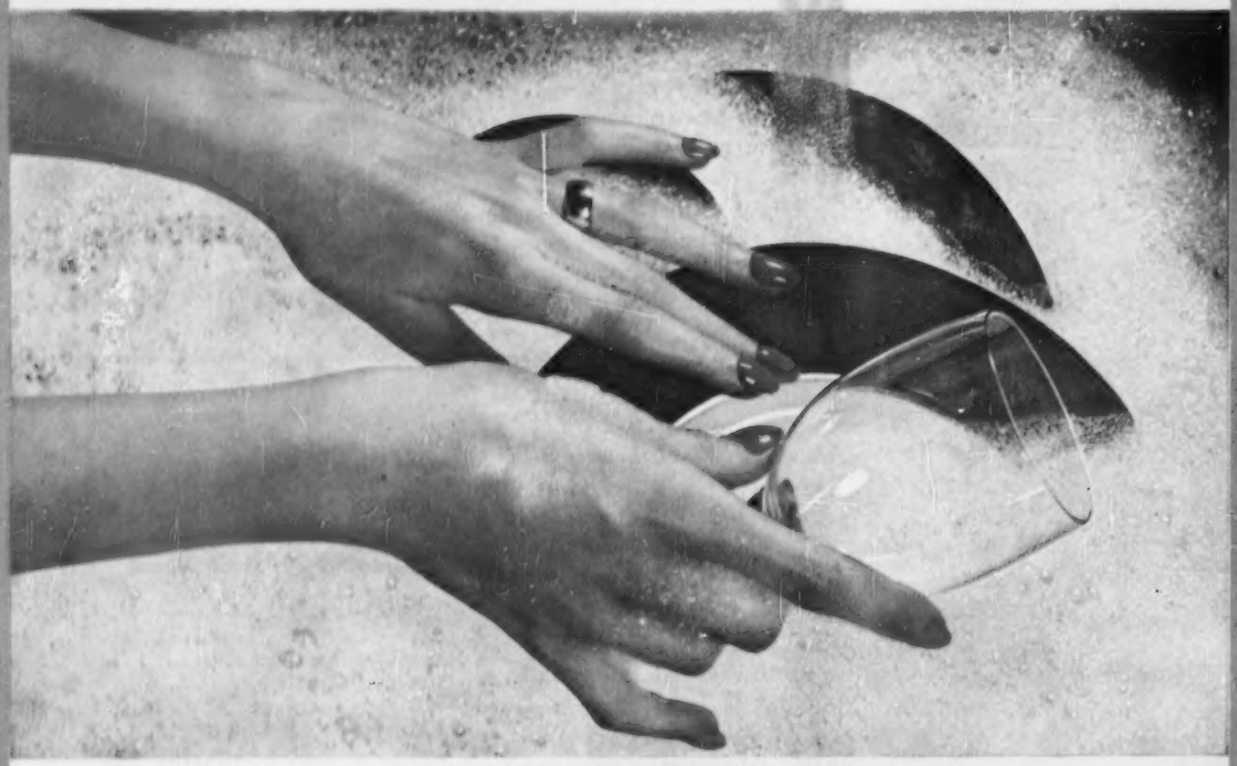

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GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD—that's what holiday fun is made of. And these happy-times ingredients are what we bring you in our friendly season roundup. There's everything (what to serve and the recipes, table accessories and party mood setters, too) for gala buffets and smorgasbord, for open-house snacks—from a New Year's Eve watch to a stag for Dad, to a wingding for the kids. Browse through the next 10 pages and you'll find helps aplenty for "going holiday" when you ask folks in.

By Myrna Johnston and Fae Huttenlocher

Cook-on-location supper. No "absent" hostess, you, when you call on electric helpers to keep you in the living room with the guests.

For Western Sandwiches, scramble eggs (spiked with bacon, onion, green pepper) in an electric skillet; serve with fruit compote. Let coffee brew in automatic percolator.

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COUNT ON A SMORGASBORD to lift a company buffet to holiday heights. No table could look more charming or give promise of better eating! And guests love to pick and choose from festive trays of appetizers, salads, seafoods, and meats—finally sample all! Our centerpiece towers high with rosy apples and golden oranges (toothpicked onto cone of plastic foam), a Swedish wooden yule tree atop. Follow old-time customs or streamline your smorgasbord to suit yourself. *Skol!*

Smorgasbord—American style with a Swedish accent

1 **Jellied Salmon** with deviled eggs, Pickled Shrimp, herring in sour cream, anchovies, sardines, pickled beets, cucumber pickles.

2 **Apple Salad Bowl**—red apples with red and green grapes, walnuts.

3 **Triple server:** Sweet-sour Brown Beans (left), fish balls, tiny Swedish Meat Balls. Pass rye slices.

4 **Fruited Ring Mold**—golden with peach halves, pineapple slices.

5 **Baked Ham** bedecked with diamonds of cream cheese, doily frill.

6 **Stacks** of little Swedish Pancakes keeping warm for dessert.

7 **Lingonberry Sauce** to ladle over the pancakes. Offer caraway-seed cheese. Coffee—then more coffee!

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Warm-up for skaters and skiers. Rib-sticking hot meal as casual as the red-checked tablecloth. Twin skillets offer sizzling ham slices and canned sausage (easy cooking!). And there's hearty Onion-Bean Bake, hot rolls, salad. Stag feast!

Giddy clown jesters greet revelers after a night of New Year's dancing. Make it a memorable morning by serving Chicken a la King on Crisp Waffles. Automatic waffle baker lets four hungry folks pitch in at once. Pass whipped butter and slices of jellied cranberry sauce. Perk gallons of bracing coffee

Kids' wingding. It's peachy keen with the young set to entertain in the kitchen—especially a dazzler like this. They like to fuss with equipment, concoct their own treats—Sandwich Express (cheese, Bologna, tomato wheels between slices) and Pink Sodas. Nibbles: potato chips, popcorn, giant crullers.

"Soda jerk" whips 'em up with blender-mixer; makings are at hand in wall refrigerator-freezer, right. Why not get honest-to-goodness soda glasses? They'll be bigtime for years.

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Far West curry buffet. Fill a large jewel-toned bowl with Shrimp Curry, another with Yellow Rice. And set out a condiment tray of chutney, peanuts, coconut, snipped chives, sieved hard-cooked egg yolks. Dessert: pared oranges (sliced, toothpicked together), chilled pineapple spears, cheese and crackers.

To serve in a charmed setting, stack gay plastic plates and bowls in pagoda style. Let candles glow from tall, pottery bottles. Pyramid fruits for centerpiece, each tier a different color.

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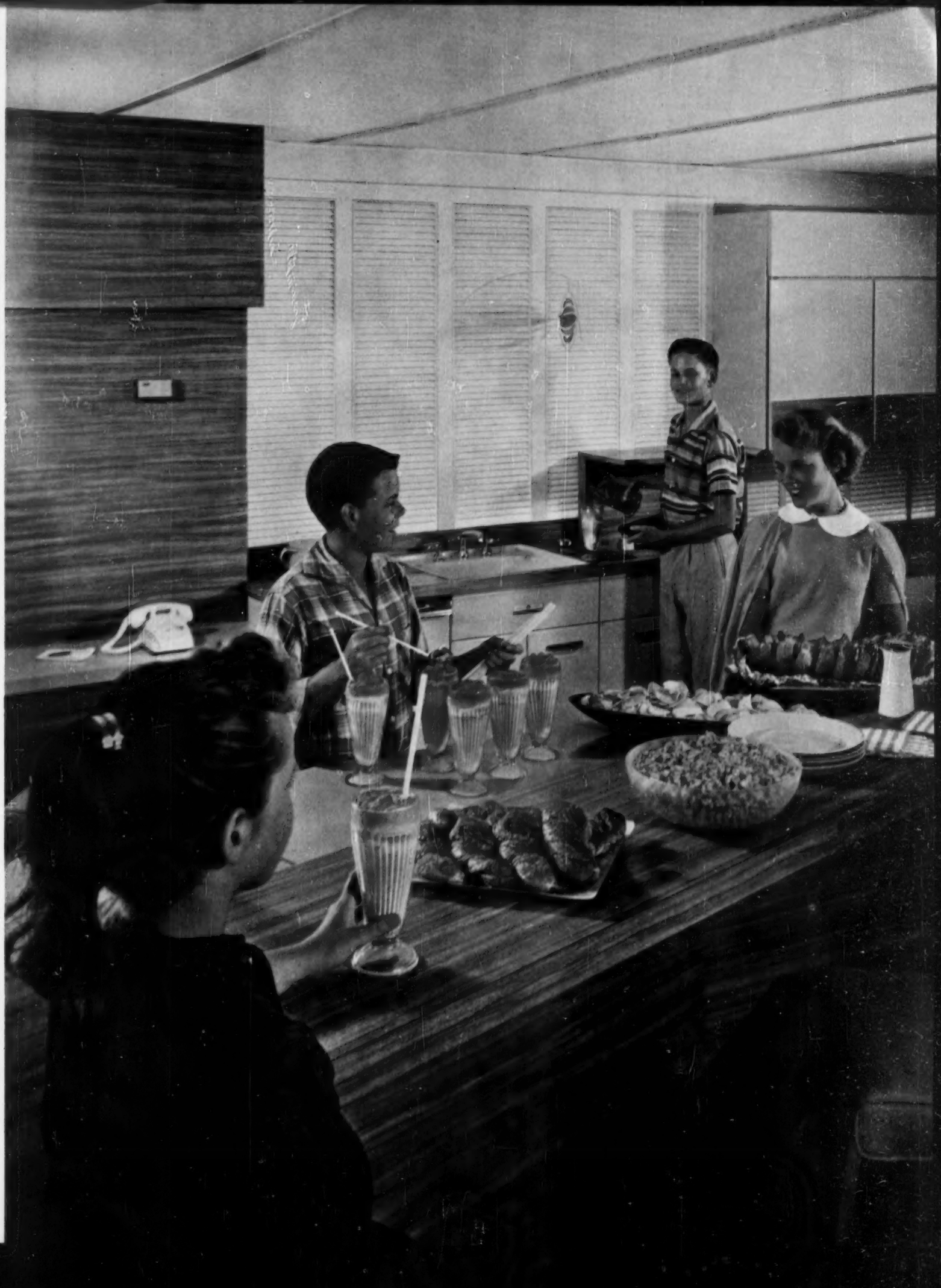

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Down Mexico way. No need to go south of the border to enjoy this meal!

Your hostess is serving jumbo turkey-stuffed tamales. Appetizers: chopped red onions and radishes in pepper cups, Guacamole in tomato holders with corn chips for dunking, tiny tamales.

Help yourself to Mexican Fried Rice and to a ripe-olive-topped enchilada (they come in a can or frozen package —sprinkle with cheese, and heat).

And ladle extra Tomato Sauce over an airy Chile Relleno. Now for a crisp, fried tortilla from the sombrero.

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ROLLING OUT the red carpet? It's a mighty special one if your brand of hospitality includes—

▶ Bell ringers: The buffet supper when you ask folks in—casual, gay. The ready-in-a-minute snacks for friends who just stop by to wish you well.

▶ Ice breakers: The appetizer tray to keep first arrivals busy. Clever table accessories to start the chatter, set the mood for a gala time.

▶ Heart warmers: Your cheery "Hi" when the doorbell chimes. The "bottomless" cup of coffee. The friendship in that cup of eggnog. Your "Cheerio" as you wish departing guests Godspeed.

Men, rotisserie chefing is real sport. For a stag or company buffet, fix Ham on a Spit—slice and serve on rye. Recipe tells how to give rolled, ready-to-eat ham the striped effect.

Here job's handsomely done by automatic stainless-steel rotisserie with glass spatter shield.

Cheese-and-fruit tray for simple hostessing and perfect snacking. We show wedges of aged Cheddar, lacy Swiss, robust blue and Roquefort, mellow Nuworld and Chantelle; triangles of Camembert; cream cheese. In gay foil containers are new cheese spreads—pimento, clam, and other flavors

Ski-balls for ski fans or fireside sitters. Here's how for this perk-up: Set out pretty mugs and put 1½ teaspoons sugar in each. Poke long cinnamon stick through clove-studded lemon slice and stand it in mug. Now pour in freshly brewed *hot, hot* tea. Everyone, take to your cinnamon sippers! And how about French doughnuts and walnuts in shell?

Bacon and hot cakes star at any hour—for early birds or night owls

Could be after-the-theater late bite. Or breakfast—and worth getting up for! Or spur-of-the-moment supper for times when you want to say "Please stay." With dial-controlled griddle all you do is flip the cakes and turn the bacon. (Dandy for burgers, grilled sandwiches, too.)

Jugs of syrup and melted butter stay cozy over candles; ditto for pot of coffee on electric warmer. Smart tablecloth—ticking with toy drums.

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"Ring in the new!" with a watch party as exciting as the year ahead. You can set the stage with a clock of carnation hours and gold pottery hands, with a clock-design plate at each person's place. (These make smart "props" for midnight parties any time.) Bringing friends in after dancing or the movies? Plan an easy nightcap of Napoleans (buy them) and fresh coffee (pottery coffee maker's electric)

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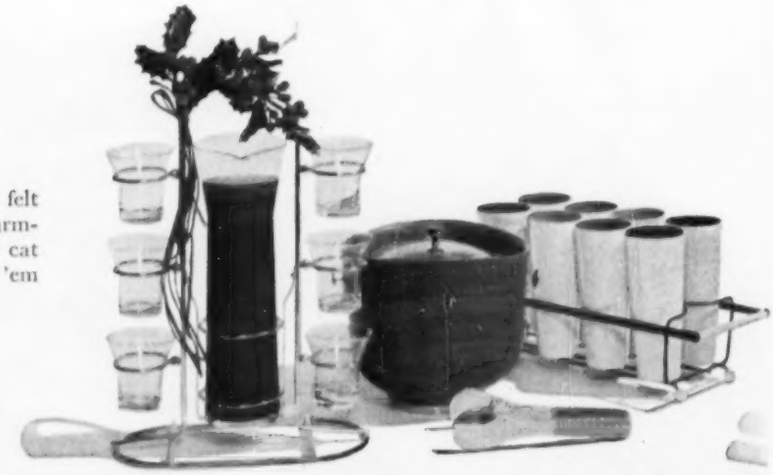
High jinks: Wrap coffee bottle with felt cobra (bet "life of party" will do snake-charmer act). Let monkey offer peanuts; the cat share his sardines. Pets are wired—pose 'em



Glamor for cold drinks. Brass carrier, left, has pitcher with swivel that tips it for pouring. Glasses ride at sides. Iced-tea glasses are milk glass outside with overlay of color. The ice bucket has wood exterior and brass top

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Serve snacks "a la cart" and wheel them to your guests. This brass cart (bargain price) boasts two glass shelves and separate cages to steady glasses on their trip. Here the good eating is cream-cheese spread and crackers, tomato juice, coffee, fruit

Handsome is as handsome does. Sleek, slim-jim wooden boat can offer hors d'oeuvres, bread sticks.

Twin casseroles come to table on electric tile warmer. Little color-lined bowl, wooden salt shaker and pepper mill have party air.

Photographs: Hopkins

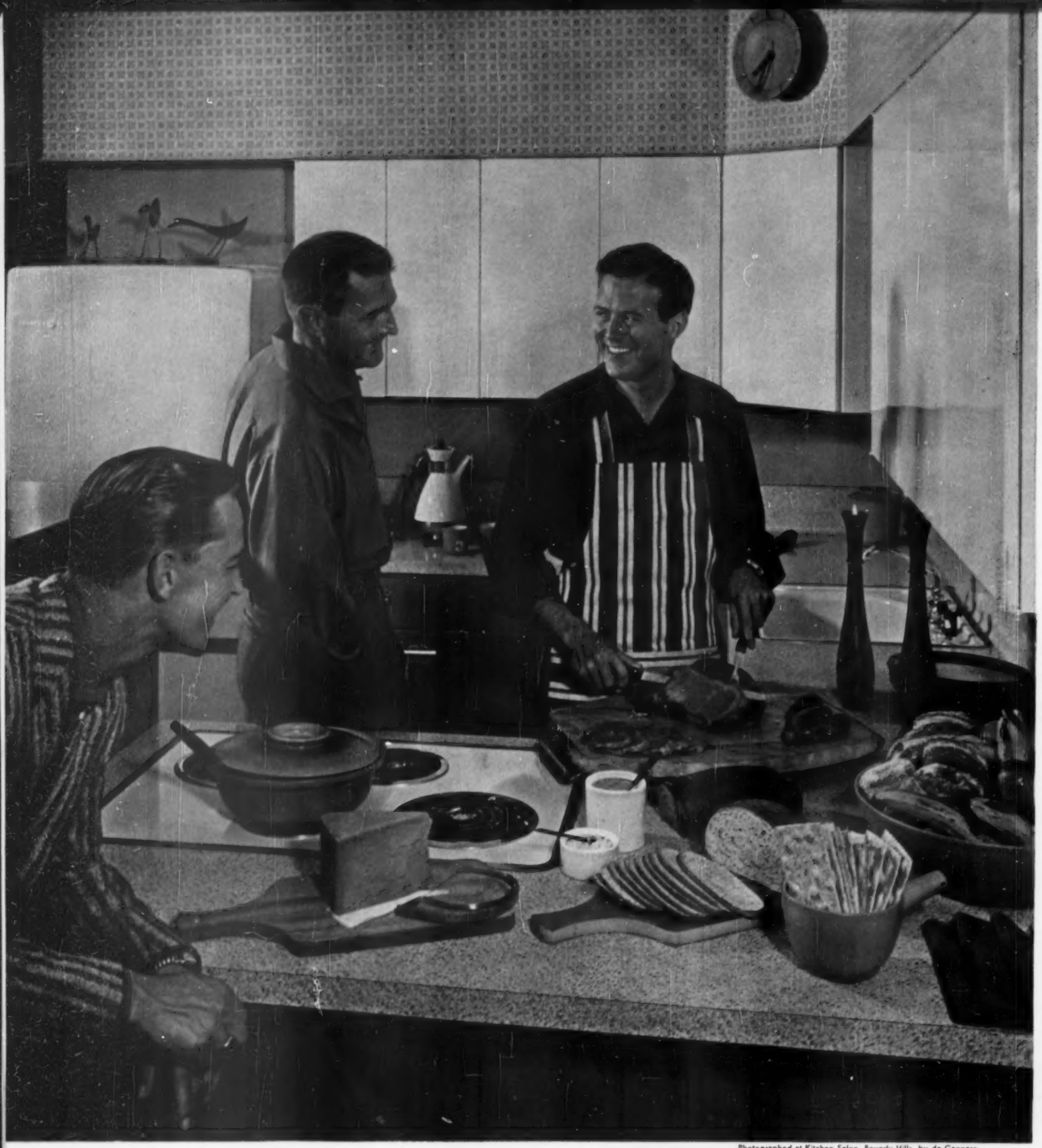
After-ski hour, Sun Valley style. At this mile-high resort, hungry skiers—experts and snow bunnies—stop at the Ram after the last run of the day. They fork up chunks of French bread, dip in chafing dish of cheese fondue. Fun! Try it!

To help you hostess. Automatic coffee maker takes full responsibility for up to 10 cups of brew. Electric teakettle gives boiling water for the "instants"—coffee or tea—in a flash.

Square copper-clad skillet turns into chafing-dish server over candle warmer. Note accessories.

Merrymakers, stop here! Orange and tomato juice fill a pair of big crystal boots—tie a garter of greens at top! Paul Bunyan eggcup can hold punch (or popcorn or flowers). Turquoise glasses are right accent. Nest of cylinder vases adds color

To do your table proud. Stylized pottery bird can be serving dish for relishes, salted nuts, candy. Tall bottle makes modern water pitcher. Striped bowl can hold relishes or double as vase or flowerpot jacket. Tiered sweetmeat server sports six glass bowls that lift out of a black carrier



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MEN, NO NEED TO knock yourself out putting on a stag feed. Father's corned-beef special, above, and the spaghetti and hog-dog suppers, at right, are humdingers on two scores—easy and smacking good! Chef it or go to the delicatessen. Or maybe your wife will get things ready before she joins the girls.

Spaghetti supper. On Roman-striped cloth, a basket bowl of spaghetti and meat balls (your own recipe or canned), a holder each of bread sticks, grated Parmesan cheese, and pickled red peppers with fat dills, a butter tub of red apples

Stag dinner—and a corker! Husky slices of Corned Beef get sandwiched between rounds of rye—your choice of dark or light. White jars hold mustard and horse-radish.

Baked beans wait in the casserole. Wedge of sharp Cheddar is ready for the cheese fanciers. (Pass crisp rye wafers.) Dessert: bowl of big doughnuts and fresh fruits—coffee, of course.

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Triple Chihuahuas—trios of cheese-stuffed hot dogs wrapped in bacon. (Recipe's a snap—the bundles of franks roast in the oven, need no turning!) Serve with Hot Potato Salad, frankfurter fixin's, fresh relishes, and sesame-seed buns

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Dressed-up "sit-down" dinner. Centerpiece is comport filled with red and yellow tuberous-begonia blossoms for guests to wear as corsages when they leave the table. Candlesticks double as candy dishes. First course is Broiled Grapefruit. How about an entree of roast duckling with the trimmings? A dessert of assorted cheeses and crackers

Open-house welcome. The nicest way in the world to share those Christmas boxes of candy and glaceed fruits, gift cheeses and fruitcake. Circle them round a giant bowl of Cranberry Punch, tie a red bow on the ladle—there are gala refreshments and no work required!

Decorator: Louis deHaven Shaw, A.I.D. Owners: The Richard Learneds

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Gable end (26 feet) faces street on narrow lot. One advantage of plan is variety of orientations it can take. Sixty-foot front could face street on 100- or even 80-foot lot. Either way, narrow or wide end to street, you don't lose privacy of big indoor, outdoor living areas. Door that shows is to large storage room for yard, terrace gear

House is divided into three distinct areas

Colorful exterior is result of five textures and colors skillfully put together: brick, vertical wood siding painted turquoise, white trim, flush door that's yellow, areas of glass. Brick sections alternating with sections of siding and windows give small house simple unity. Terrace of concrete squares is located outside family room

Plan shows Contemporary planning to its best advantage. There is open circulation between rooms, yet distinct separation.

Parents have bedroom (red) off from the rest of the house. Children have own area (blue) that can combine to form playroom. Everyone gathers in family room (yellow).

Square footage: 1,626, all on one floor.
Over-all dimensions: 66x56, including carport.
Architect: Joseph Cyr, A.I.A., Dearborn, Mich.
Builders: Wolfe-Gilchrist, Farmington, Mich.
Interiors: Robert Hanamura, Birmingham, Mich.
Landscape Architect: Lee F. Ross, Birmingham, Mich.
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If you're looking for a house to build or an idea for a new way of living, here complete on one floor is . . .

Everything a 1957 house should be!

By John Normile, A.I.A.

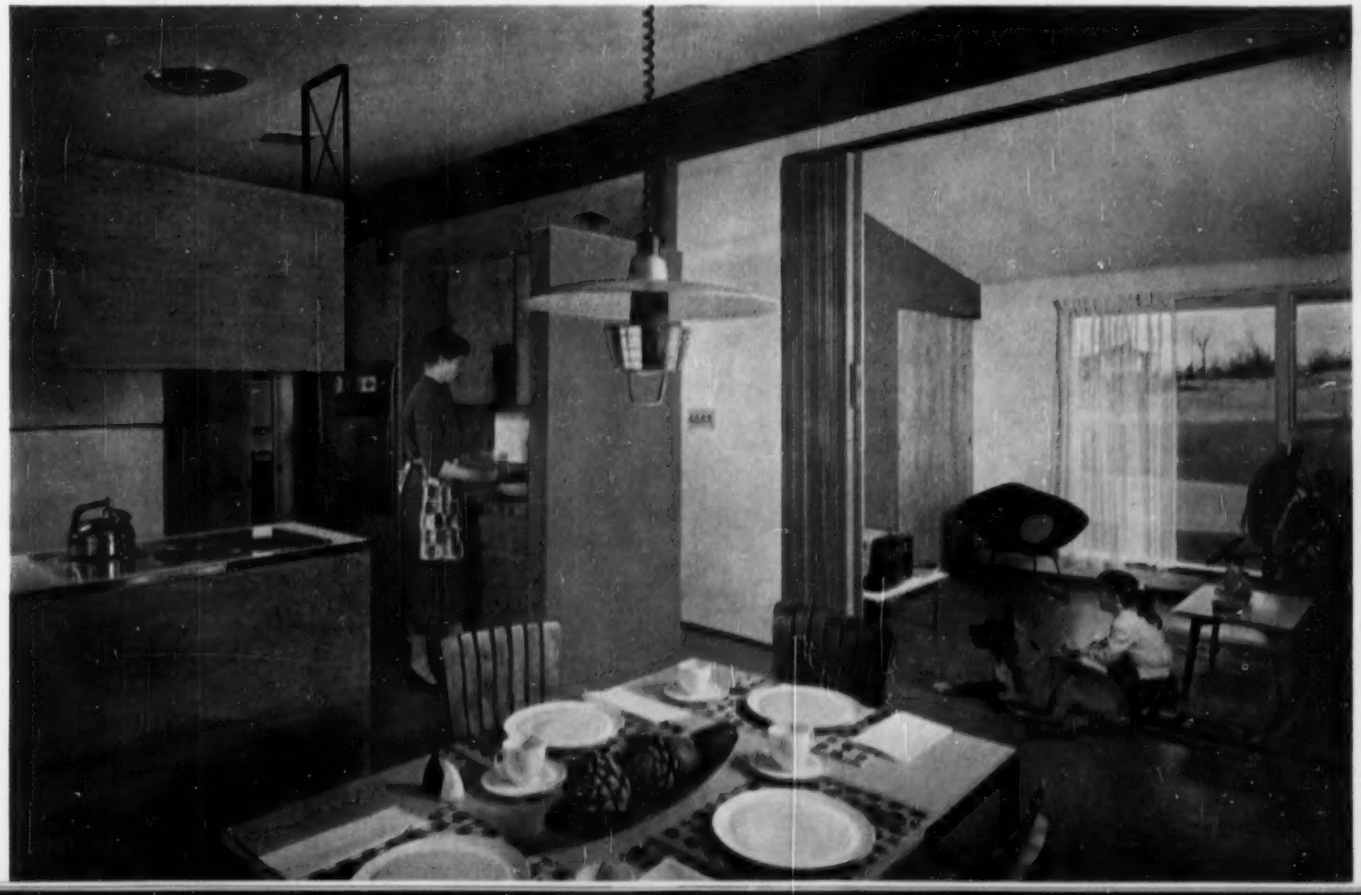
We're starting this new year with a fresh and exciting plan for family living. Five Star Home 2701 should fit the average family's growth and activity from cradle through college years without revision or addition.

A 1957 house should have just as much to offer in brand-new ideas and advantages as a 1957 car or refrigerator. These are things you should get in a '57 house:

Parents' area is the living room. Because it's separated from other areas of house, the room is perfect for adult entertaining, reading. It requires no doubling up with other activities, such as dining. In short, a new kind of living room in the Modern house. [*Turn to page 121*

Living room, well placed at side of plan, is separate from active area and sleeping wing. Its space is shared with no other activity, such as dining, study, and play. It opens to well-screened terrace of its own. Fence and plantings also screen window wall. Center ridge beam (6x12) runs 61-foot length of house

Four parts of house (kitchen, dining, family area, entry) form core between living, sleeping wings. Kitchen opens to dining so counter left of range serves as pass-through. Off-white walls, natural-wood cabinets encourage use of big eye-appealing accents of orange and blue. Play area, TV seating is on other side of traffic path. Floor throughout is asphalt tile



Pictured at right is the Roy Choate patio in Sarasota, Florida. The roof, one complete side, and three partial walls are done in plastic screening. The house forms a windbreak and the lower portion for two walls. Patio is a true extension of the Choate living room when the sliding glass doors are pushed back, as here

Philip H. Hiss, architect for the Choate house, also designed this larger screened garden in black plastic. Note the extra-wide spacing between cross supports—actually 12 feet. Note also the seam through the center of plastic that can be seen in center panel. This garden is 36 feet square

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

Small visitors can wade happily, pass golden hours in the mosquito-free pool at far end of the Choate screened-in garden. The plastic screening here is silver in color

By raising the screened roof, Architect Hiss gave an airy look to the Choate place and gained headroom for Mrs. Choate's fishtail and other palms. Light-color plastic cuts sunlight by only about 15 percent and breaks wind slightly, to the lasting benefit of the plants

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

They're doing this in Florida

They're screening whole gardens against insects. They're finding this not only a wonderful way to live outdoors but perfectly practical. The new plastic screenings are tough, can be stitched by awningmaker into still-wider widths

DRUNK DRIVERS are getting away with MURDER!

Drunk drivers are getting off easy—many never appear in court, few go to jail. Here's how you can help save 10,000 lives a year

By Booton Herndon

I ran into a friend of mine named Charley Frankel at the state junior tennis tournament recently. Since his son, young Charley, had just won his first match, I expected the proud papa to look like one. Instead, his round, pleasant face looked drawn and sallow. His eyes were tired.

"What in the world is the matter with you?" I asked.

"Oh, I was up all night last night," he said. His voice was tight with self-control. Then he couldn't stop himself.

"I saw four kids die last night. Four nice kids. We worked on them for hours in the emergency room. They were all bloody and torn, and I guess we should have known it was hopeless. But we tried, My God, how we tried!"

Charley was silent a minute. "Head-on collision. Smell of alcohol. Actually, we were working in the wrong place. The place to save those kids' lives was not in the hospital, but in the state legislature, in the courts. Look, I'm a doctor. If I could come up with something to cut the death rate from polio in half, save some 750 lives a year, they'd give me a Nobel prize. Yet, I, or anybody else who's made a study of it, can tell you right this minute how to cut the death toll on the highways. By eliminating the drinking driver we could save 10,000 lives a year! But nobody listens. The carnage goes on. And doctors can only wonder—whose life will we try in vain to save tonight?"

Charley is not fictional. He's Dr. Charles J. Frankel, professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Virginia. For years he has been helping Dr. Fletcher Woodward, the chairman of the American Medical Association's committee studying the causes of highway fatalities and injuries. Time and again, he and Dr. Woodward have made recommendations which would save lives, injury, anguish, and money. So have experts from such agencies as the National Safety Council, Automotive Safety Foundation, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and American Bar Association. But who listens?

We have a most peculiar attitude toward drinking driving in America. (Most of the experts in this field, incidentally, point out that the "drinking driver" is fully as dangerous as the "drunk driver," if not more so. They prefer to use that terminology.) Surely, somewhere in the land, there is a place where a murderer or burglar or kidnapper, caught in the act of the crime, would be certain to be arrested, convicted, and imprisoned. But not the drunk driver! Nowhere, in the United States, at least as far as I can find out, is there a 100 percent effective combination of law, enforcement, and punishment for driving under the influence of alcohol. We seem to be not only incapable of stopping the drinking driver, we are not even sure how much damage he does. Some states have turned in reports showing that in only 5 percent of accidents is drinking driving involved. Others have gone as high as 55 percent. The National Safety Council says that of last year's 38,300 traffic fatalities about 8 percent were known to have involved a drinking driver. But that is, to put it mildly, a conservative figure. It would not include, for example, the accident which claimed the lives of those four kids the other night, plus two other persons killed instantly in the same wreck. Although the odor of alcohol was all over the place, it wasn't mentioned in the official report. We'll just never know, officially, at least, the real cause of many accidents.

The other day two cars took to the ditch to avoid a speeding automobile weaving all over the road. The car was stopped and, sure enough, the driver was sodden drunk. That man could have caused any number of serious accidents without getting involved himself, without even knowing it. What happened to the driver in this case? Nothing, nothing at all. By the time the police arrived

the witnesses had cooled down. Asked if they wanted to prefer charges, they said no. They'd let it go. So the officers took the drunk home to sleep it off, and it was all over.

It's possible that the drunk driver would not have been sent to jail even if a policeman had seen him in the act of driving. All judges do not order jail sentences for drunk drivers.

Here's another actual case. A happy little family—Father, Mother, and two children—were out driving one Sunday afternoon. A shout, a scream, a rending crash, then silence. The pretty young mother awoke in a hospital to find that in one split second she had lost her entire family. All those years of courtship and marriage, of carrying, bearing, nurturing one child, then another—everything those years had produced was gone.

There was no doubt as to what had caused the accident. Blood tests proved the other driver to have been drunk beyond shadow of a scientific doubt. His punishment? A suspended jail sentence, loss of his driver's license, and a $100 fine. That's $33.33 a life.

If traffic experts are agreed upon any one thing, it is how to cut down on accidents caused by drinking drivers. We must have state laws with two major provisions:

First, approved scientific methods of determining whether a driver has been drinking sufficiently to impair his driving.

Second, adequate punishment for all found guilty.

As it is now, we simply don't have those laws. First of all, in only three states—New York, Idaho, and Kansas—is it mandatory for a driver suspected of drinking to take a chemical test. Even then he has some choice in the matter; he can give up his driver's license instead.

In only 23 states is the result of a chemical test accepted as *prima-facie* (without argument) evidence. These states are: Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Chemical tests provide an equitable method of determining not only guilt, but *innocence*. This is more important than most people realize. After all, there are some 64 diseases which might give you the appearance of being drunk when you haven't even had a sniff. One Saturday night recently I watched an officer administer a chemical test to a woman who'd been in an accident. It seemed obvious she was drunk. She reeked of whiskey. She staggered, reeled, giggled, and talked utter gibberish. But the test proved conclusively that at the most she had had one drink. Instead of charging her with drinking driving, the police rushed her to the hospital. There it was determined that she'd had a severe bump on the head. That, plus one sociable highball and understandable nervousness and excitement over having been in her first automobile accident, gave her all the symptoms of being intoxicated.

There are four mechanical devices on the market which make it possible for any intelligent person, with a little training, to make an adequate test for drunkenness. Here's the way one of these tests, the "Drunkometer," works: The person being tested blows up a balloon to a size bigger than his head. The air from the balloon is run through the device. When a purple solution in a test tube in front of you turns white, you stop the flow of air and look at the calibrations plainly marked on a gauge. It gives you a figure; that's it. I know this is a simple operation because I ran my own breath test. And if I could do it with my 10 thumbs of fingers, anybody could.

This test actually measures the amount of alcohol in the breath. There is a clear ratio between the amount of alcohol in the breath and that in the blood. The test does not necessarily indicate the amount you've had to drink, but the amount you have absorbed into your blood stream.

In the 23 states which accept these tests as prima-facie evidence, you are presumed to be innocent without question if you have less than .05 of one percent of alcohol in your blood stream—or three to four drinks or bottles of beer for the average person. You are presumed to be under the influence of alcohol if you have .15 of one percent, or about eight drinks for the average person. Between these two points is a kind of twilight zone in which the chemical tests are admissible as evidence of intoxication but alone do not make a prima-facie case.

What happens in the 25 states, and hundreds of cities, where such evidence is not accepted on the face of it? Two things: Some states don't have *any* provision for tests. North Carolina is one of them. And its highway commissioner, Edward Scheidt, a former top agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a man dedicated to law enforcement, is mighty bitter about it.

"One of my troopers can arrest a person, so drunk he can't stand up, in the very act of driving an automobile on the state highways," Scheidt says. "Yet when the case comes to court the man's lawyer parades so many deacons and bankers before the judge as witnesses that you'd think he was applying for a job instead of being tried for a crime. The arresting officer is just plain outnumbered. We need chemical tests in this state, and we need them badly, to save lives."

Other states, and many cities, have the apparatus for giving chemical tests, but don't admit the results as prima-facie evidence. In Washington, D. C., the famous pathologist, Dr. Oscar B. Hunter, made himself available as an expert witness to the prosecuting attorney every Tuesday. After his death his son, Dr. Hunter, Jr., carried on in his stead. For 10 years these busy pathologists have given a day a week just to state the simple fact that if you have .15 of one percent of alcohol in your blood, you're drunk.

To many law-enforcement officers even the "chemical test" law, though approved by the American Bar Association, is pathetically mild. One reason is that it does not provide stiff punishment for those it convicts. We'll take up this subject later. Another is that the standard it sets, .15 of one percent, is much too high. As one officer told me:

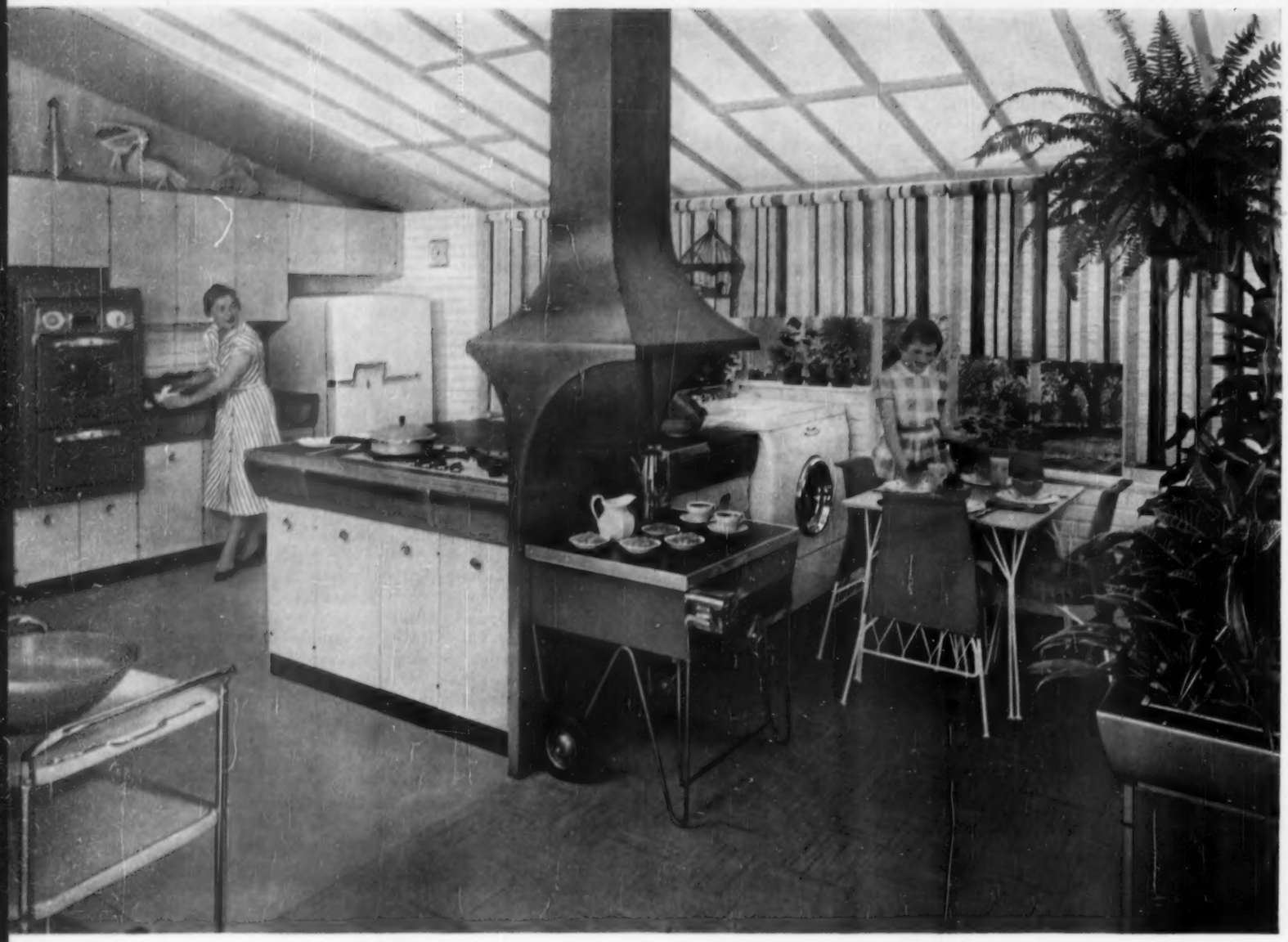
"It isn't the sodden character who creeps along hugging the side of the road who kills people. No, sir, it's the guy who's had just enough to get a little bit reckless who's the real menace today!"

Evidence along this line is beginning to pile up now. Alcohol is, after all, not a stimulant, but a depressant. [*Turn to page 123*

**Dr. Ladd also is Chairman of the National Safety Council's Committee on Tests for Intoxication*

****Mason Ladd, Dean, College of Law, State University of Iowa:***

"Tremendous expenditures are made to build highways wider and curves gentler but no road is wide or straight enough for the drunk driver. He must be kept off the highway. A mandatory chemical test not only aids in the prosecution of drunk drivers; it acts as a deterrent to those who might take the wheel after drinking too much. A uniform chemical test law for drivers is being drafted. In the public interest, it is hoped that every reader of this article will urge action by his legislators to adopt such a law to help control this national menace."



By Anne Anderson and Ann Worden

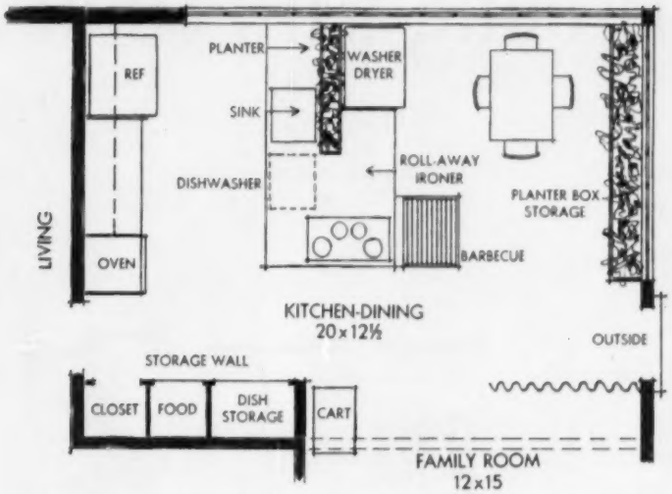
A "greenhouse" kitchen to enjoy all year

Have summer the year around! You can—with this charming "greenhouse" kitchen. Even in the middle of winter, you don't have to limit yourself to just dreaming about an herb garden and flowering geraniums. Grow them right in your kitchen!

This memorable kitchen didn't just happen. It was planned and designed by *Better Homes & Gardens* editors for all you gardening fans who want not only a good kitchen but also would appreciate a place for your green-thumb activities. To get the greenhouse look, we used glass walls and translucent plastic ceiling, with standard greenhouse framing materials for support. The ceiling is not the "roof" of kitchen; rather, it's a mammoth lighting fixture. Its pitch follows the lines of a gable. Twelve 8-foot fluorescent tubes above the plastic panels give kitchen an over-all, top light, shadowless effect. Panels are removable for replacing light tubes, easy cleaning.

Note that we didn't hold down the uses for this new kind of kitchen. Besides room for garden puttering, it has a huge food-preparation peninsula, a place to eat, a barbecue area, a laundry center, generous storage. Help yourself to this greenhouse idea—include it in a new kitchen or in a remodeling.

Kitchen and dining-activity center are united yet kept apart by peninsula



Both areas are open and accessible to adjoining family room. In remodeling, family room is where old kitchen might have been. Dotted lines show how this new kitchen-dining room might be added to a present home. Traffic goes around work area. Storage wall adds extra cabinets

Charcoal barbecue-rotisserie grills the makings for midwinter family picnic . . . indoors, of course! Hood has built-in ventilator for smoke; it's also open to work on kitchen side next to cooking top. Copper barbecue rolls, can leave its "home" for outdoor use, too

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In the *Better Homes & Gardens* greenhouse kitchen, there's a bright, "springy" look even when the wind is howling outside. Copper on wood-front cabinets, barbecue, hood, and oven gives room coziness, warmth. Eight-foot planter at right is on 18-inch wall cabinets. Posies line ledges, old-fashioned Boston ferns grow luxuriously in baskets from ceiling. Lots of room for all kinds of plantings!

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

Wide counter peninsula is grand divider, yet makes kitchen easy working. Peninsula houses sink, dishwasher, gas cooking top, combination washer-dryer. It offers roomy work surface and storage you've always dreamed about for those odds 'n ends

Nip off a sprig of fresh mint or parsley whenever the fancy suits you—from your kitchen "herb" garden! Planter dividing large peninsula counter grows everything—fragrant rose and lemon geraniums, chives, parsley, mint, herbs. Water's at your fingertips. Colorful interwoven slat blinds roll up and down individually for custom control of sunlight

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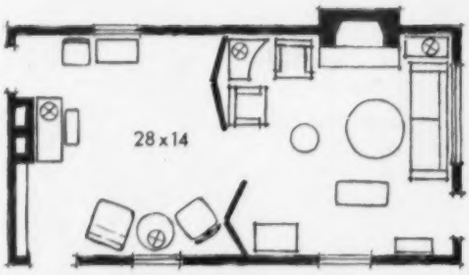
Make an old room young with color

BREATHING NEW life into an old room needn't mean extensive, expensive remodeling. The Robert J. Cronleys of Cincinnati gave their middle-aged living room a youthful look with color. They splashed it around generously in penny-wise forms like paint and fabric, used striking but plain basic colors so they could add pattern accents as brilliant as they liked.

This scheme might be the room brightener you need: jewel-toned plaid screen and companion cushions. The colorful result of their efforts speaks for itself—a living room so warm and charming you'd never guess its age.

By Virginia Colton



Brilliant divider idea is a pair of plaid screens that makes a long, old-fashioned room intimate and warm

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Decorator: Robert J. Cronley, A.I.D.

Brilliant bursts of color *are welcomed by plain walls of subdued purple, soft neutral expanses of draperies and carpet. Screen's gay plaid note is repeated by bench and toss cushions. Pleated draw draperies make graceful wall, hide awkward windows and unused front door left over from past*

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Color changes in chairs *were simple and inexpensive: denim covers on sofa and easy chairs, felt glued to plywood chair. Antique bench and former dining table make unusual desk-chair combination; the wall combines accessories deftly*

Photographs: de Gennaro

Sparkling new—and so easy to grow!

You can be a beginner or long experienced in growing flowers from seeds. Either way, you'll get a bonus of delighted satisfaction if you plant these newcomers offered by your seedsman. Just follow our suggestions and seed-packet directions

Scarlet Pygmy Marigold is the newest and brightest of the small-fry edgings. It needs full sun. To get a rotund border like this, thin or transplant to stand 10 inches apart. After that, you get weeks of color with no further fuss or bother

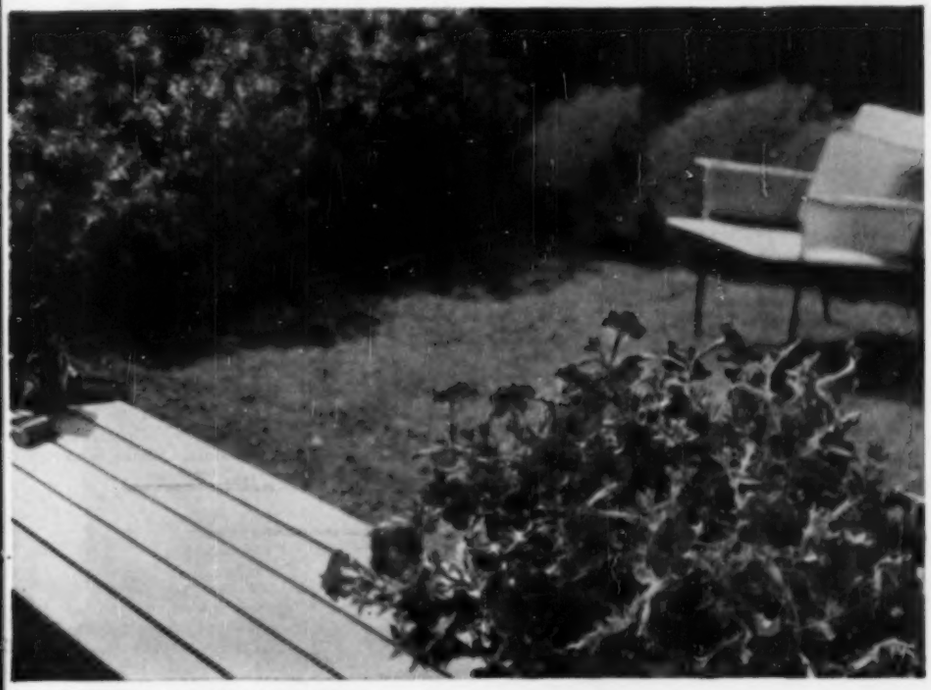
Gloriosa Daisies are real standouts among the new flowers for '57. Wonderful for cutting and 30 inches tall, they, too, need the warmth of full sun to show off their great flat discs

Zinnia Rosalie has the glowing pink that has been lacking in its family. Plants are compact enough to use as a hedge— the blooms big enough to remind you of the choicest dahlias

Coming next month—New roses

Red Satin is its name—this latest of the red petunias. And satiny it is, sleek and shining. It has gone about as far as a petunia can go toward a real red. The plants are delightfully compact, the flowers upright, so that they give you balls of color. You're wise if you start the tiny seeds indoors

Mammoth Hybrid Marigolds now come in three shades, all incurved like football chrysanthemums. At left below is the older Indian Chief, with petals like a carnation



Weymouth

BEFORE. It was either build or buy another house for the Jack Martins who lived in this small postwar bungalow. Either way, it meant giving up their property, well-kept neighborhood, and nearby schools

DURING. *Small* addition was no answer to already small house . . . so, addition on two levels (here under construction) is actually larger than the existing house

An addition can be a new house

THE JACK MARTINS, like hundreds of other families, bought one of the typical small, two-bedroom development houses built right after the war. Their property, though, was as beautiful as the house was inadequate for their fast-growing family. So they did what everyone else would like to do: They added space . . . space that's larger and better than any they had in their original house. It cost just as much as building a new house, but look what they got for their money!

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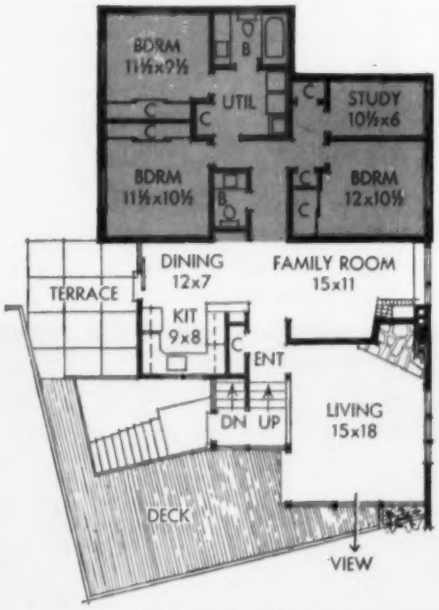
By Curtiss Anderson



Original house (red) had living room, kitchen, two bedrooms in space now devoted entirely to bedrooms, utility, and two bathrooms. Lower level has daylight recreation room and carport.

Architects: Green, Sibold and Associates, Seattle, Washington. Materials: Western Red Cedar Lumber Association. Interiors: Del Teet. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. John Martin. Data from Margery Phillips.

When remodeling can mean space (and view) like this, you're better off staying where you are. At gable end of living room, high enough for privacy, view is played to hilt by maximum use of glass. Warm wood tones of beige and brown are given gold and pumpkin accents

AFTER. And the result is something to stop and admire. The ordinary little house has disappeared behind this great addition. Over 400 square feet of deck terrace sweeps around two sides of the house. Addition is really two stories since "basement" is made daylight living space by taking advantage of hill which allows opening on ground level.

Red-cedar siding, stained beige, brings house even more intimately into its setting and view of Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains. What addition demonstrates is that best space in your house can be added!

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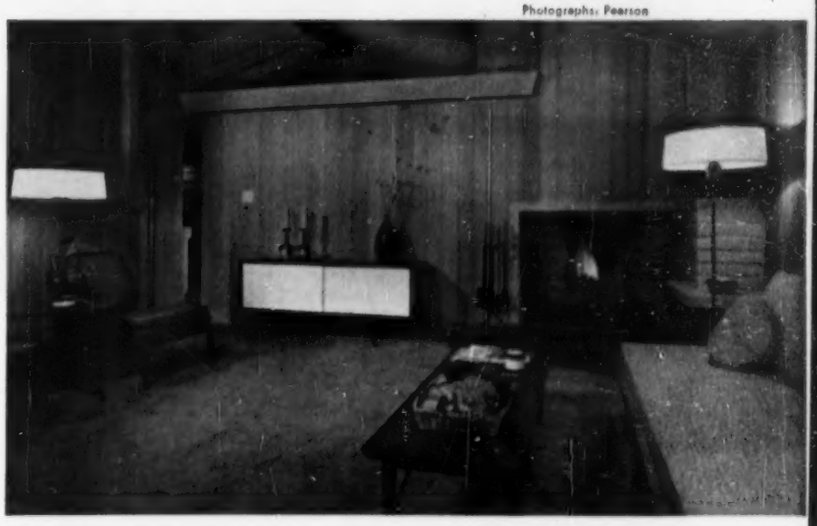


Picture tells simple story of beauty of extensive use of one material (red cedar). Vertical paneling (1x6s) gives height to room, then continues in vertical pattern of 4x6 cedar decking across ceiling.

Partial wall lets you see center beam across 29-foot length of addition. Native-stone fireplace (slate hearth) shares chimney with one in family room. Another partial wall (left) protects open staircase.

Kitchen and dining space are open to family room, but wisely defined in area by traffic path from entrance. Kitchen on three walls leaves fourth open to dining area, family room, and terrace. Now, play space indoors and out comes under easy supervision. Sliding glass doors make terrace both outdoor dining and play area. Wood cabinets repeat the beige color theme

Family room takes pressure off living room. Here, small children are able to play near Mother, can be watched from kitchen. Children are from left: Reed, 6, at seat under window; Tina, 2; Laurie, 5; Jan, 4; and Mrs. Martin

Variety of sizes, shapes, and subjects of the pictures arranged around rectangular mirror commands attention in small entry corner. Combination adds to effectiveness of small pictures.

Inclusion of mirror in center of the group brings additional light into the entry. Furniture grouping creates the illusion of a hall.

Proud display of the Mayl family's prized china collection shows to especially great advantage on the open shelves of the fireplace wall.

Note how the alternate arrangement of high and low shapes flatters individual pieces. Further evidence of the family's fondness for the collection: room's scheme was inspired by the colors in the china.

Combine accessories to bring out their beauty

DID YOU KNOW that your favorite accessories have *hidden* charms? All you need to do is combine and display them with imagination, and you'll bring out this unsuspected beauty. Ideas are sure to occur to you when you look at this varied collection of prints and plants, old china and pewter from the Dayton, Ohio, home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mayl

What could be more appropriate than pigeonholes of an old oak barber's cabinet for the Mayl shaving-mug collection? Individual niches keep cups and mugs safe, make an interesting pattern. Bottom provides storage space, shelf convenient to chairs.

Soft blonde finish was achieved by stripping off old layers of paint, rubbing white paint into the wood. Back and sides of cabinet were finished in bright accent color used elsewhere in room.

Balanced, rhythmic arrangement turns small wall space into center of interest. Contrasting shapes of miniatures, brass coach lamps complement mirror. Chest is appropriately small; single important accessory is used on top

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Change of accessories gives mantel both a summer and winter personality.

Summer arrangement above stars white Ironstone china and ivy, completes the summer effect with fresh flowers and a splash of greens in the hearth.

In winter, the mantel changes over to pewter pieces that strike a more subdued note, fireplace holds blazing fire.

Both arrangements show how effective a few distinctive accessories are when they are well chosen, imaginatively placed.

Both spinet and pictures profit from a symmetrical grouping of large French prints. Total arrangement is kept proportionate to the size of the piano, showing that it is possible to achieve a balanced combination of large pictures and small furniture. Bottom row of prints is narrower to avoid interference with glass-and-crystal pieces used at ends

Color cues for personality bathrooms

By Florence Byerly

WITH SO MANY unusual colors and luxurious effects at your fingertips, why not have the fun of a personality bathroom, perhaps one with a flavor of the Far East, or the gaiety of the Nineties? Remember it's a small room you can transform easily—the perfect place to try out those decorative ideas that have always tempted you

Children will cooperate if they're having fun

They're likelier to be neat if you choose a playful theme and towels are dark enough to look presentable after rough handling from dirty hands. This assortment takes its cue from cowboys, uses colors that please big or little boys. Plastic hamper is big-family size, handle acts as towel rack

Floral prints take to turnabout towels

Four tiers of towels show how many plain colors will combine with one of the new floral prints.

See how clover shows up against plain pink, and think how the cornflowers will spring out on "blue towel" day. Floral or any patterned towels look their prettiest with plain walls and floor.

Bathrooms can lead a double life: durable by day, dressed up for parties

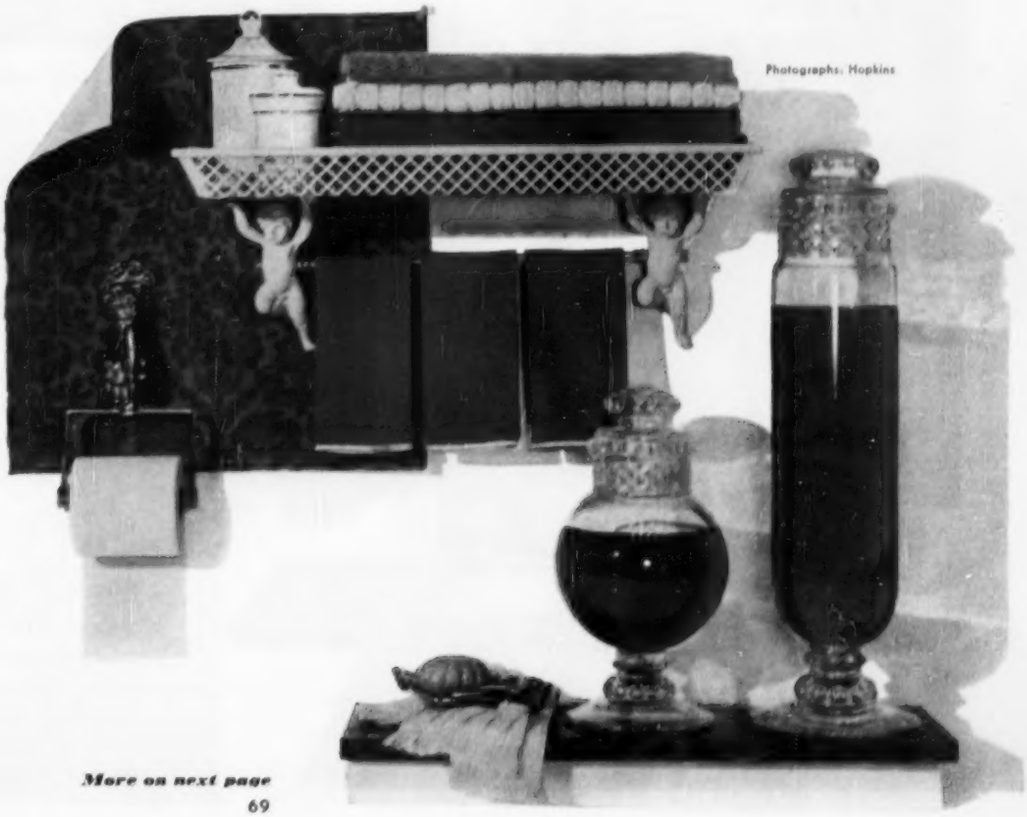
Change from day-to-day durability to party glamor is simple and smart, especially in one-bath homes. Everyday rug here is small, machine washable; plain shower curtain takes to many colors.

Party dress for bath is shower curtain that's really two: splashy cotton print outside tub, plastic inside. Underfoot, luxurious wall-to-wall cotton carpet cut in two so it won't overload washer.

Victorian accents bring back the charm of the Nineties

Amusing elegance borrowed from a bygone era is sure to give personality to your powder room if it's only a tiny cubbyhole under the stairs. Gaudy reds and pinks, damask and marble and gilt, combine to lend an atmosphere of the 1890s.

Gay variations on the Nineties theme turn up on hardware and accessories. Copies of old brass and glass revive full flavor of originals.



Photographs: Hopkins

Whether you're decorating a bath or some other room, talk your project over with one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. See complete list on page 104

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Color cues for personality bathrooms

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THE NICEST THING about a bathroom is that a change doesn't necessarily have to be big to be startling. Just a new towel color or two, for example, or the addition of one of the new patterns to your plain towels, can make a magic difference.

Sometimes some simple novelty like a planter, an unusual bench, or a shapely display of jars will accomplish the effect you want. And if you decide to go into floor or wall covering, there are now lots of economical ways to achieve the luxury look.

Lighting adds its own lively touch, makes the most of colors

Lighting can make a decorative *and* a practical contribution. Here's a glass wall that makes the most of daylight.

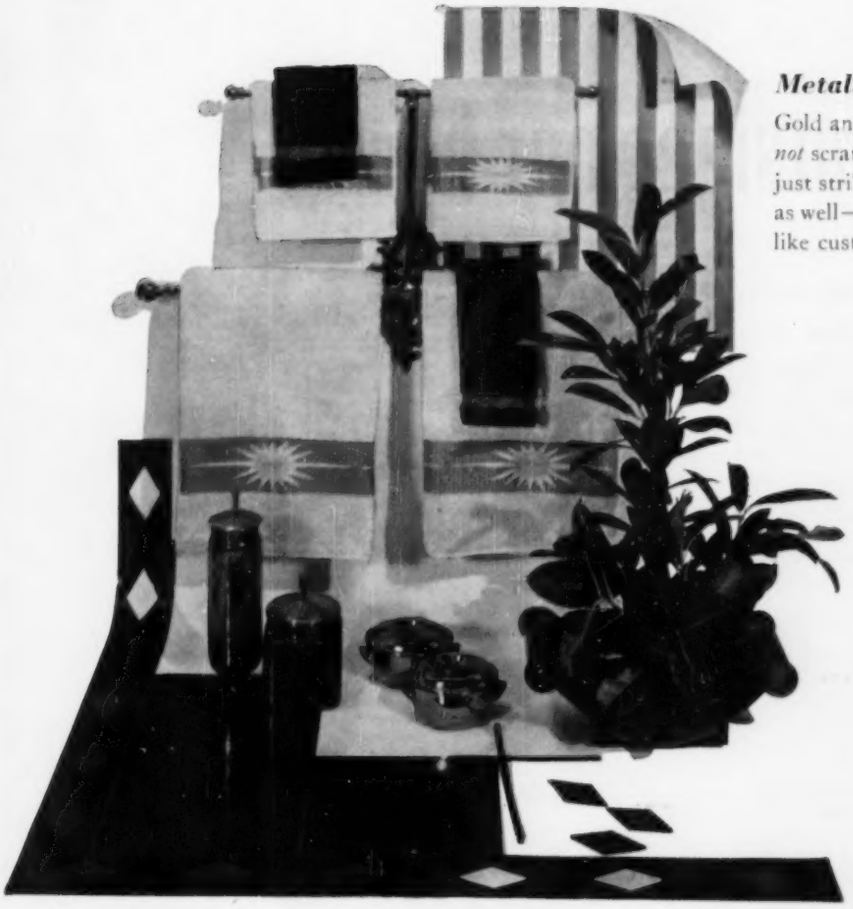
Double shelf hung on ropes keeps towels handy and also displays them like accessories. Planter below is a novel way to bring both life and color into a bathroom.

Subtle gray lavatory permits lavish use of color. From the E. C. Hartley home in Tucson, Arizona.

Shower curtains can inspire a theme

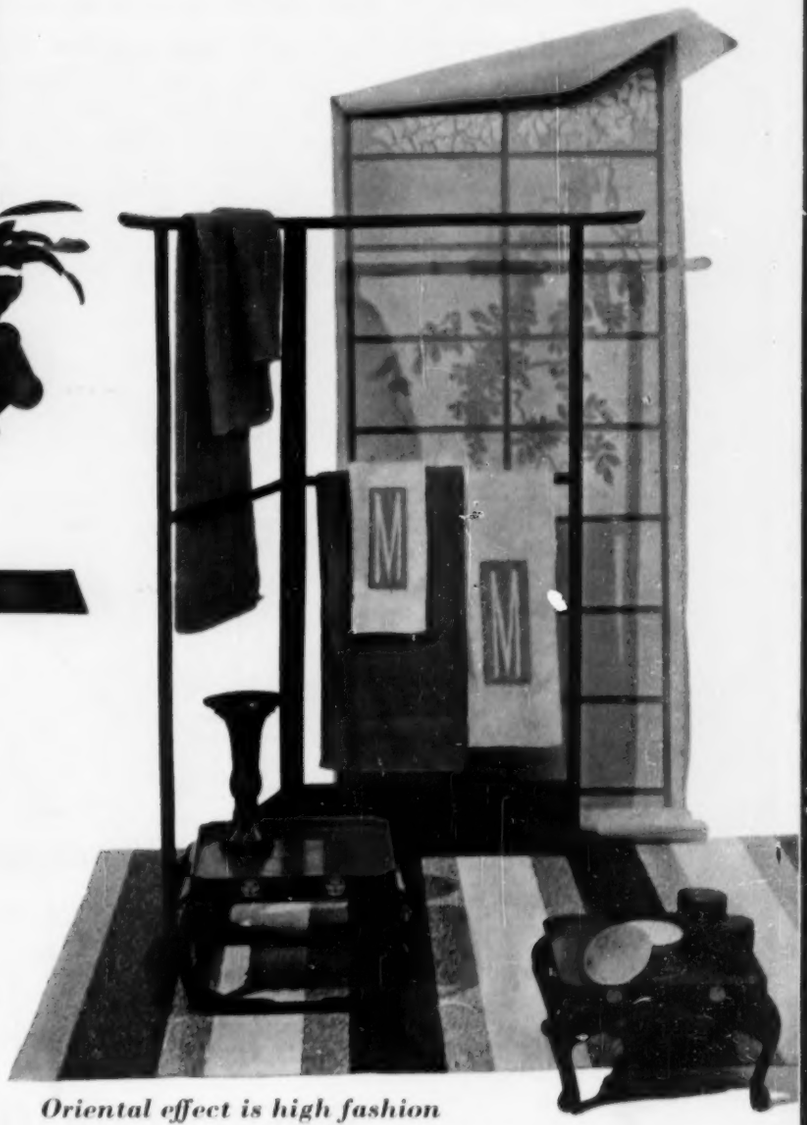
Shower curtains are blossoming out in an amazing range of amusing prints from poodle dogs to travel posters. Color scheme can give cue for walls and floors, towels and rugs.

The prints are designed for fun, so when it comes to choosing accessories, give your imagination free rein and treat yourself to any kind of gay gadgets you enjoy.



Metallics make you feel like a million

Gold and silver bands you see glittering on new towels are *not* scratchy, are machine washable. Metal accents can be just striking versions of necessary hardware, or accessories as well—real metal, or metallic-finished glass. Floor looks like custom-cut inserts, is really do-it-yourself vinyl strips



Oriental effect is high fashion

If you have a yen to try the Oriental look, why not indulge it in the bathroom? It's a small room, so you can afford to be more adventurous there than elsewhere. Oriental accessories are varied, widely available, needn't be just bathroom kind. Initial can be machine-stitched in about an hour... see page 18

Photographs: Hopkins, Gaynor, Van Nes

Curios and curtains personalize a room

Bottles and shells displayed on shelves are souvenirs of trips—similar collection of interesting shapes would be simple to gather. Arrangement shows to advantage against plain wall. Unusual shade treatment is striped chintz tacked to roller, with removable wood strip near bottom. Augustus Mino home, Chappaqua, New York

Electrical wiring outside your house

Just as it's your chief indoor servant, electricity—adequately wired—can be a big boon to your outdoor living and working

Modern living just won't be confined indoors. Games and gatherings outside are part of almost every summer evening. This activity needs light and it's caused a host of electrical tools and appliances to follow the family into the yard.

Adequate wiring has become as important outside as sufficient power inside the house.

The day of running an extension cord out a window is (or should be) past. Many indoor circuits—even in new houses—are already sizzling with overloads. Adding outdoor requirements would be inviting trouble.

The answer is special circuits from service box to outside, using outdoor wire and wiring devices.

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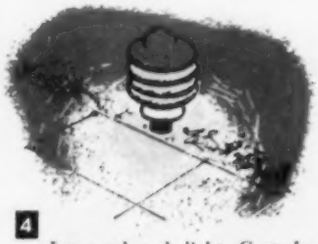
1 Indirect "mushroom" is portable. Illuminates plants and play areas

2 Twin spots with socket. Good universal unit for specific targets

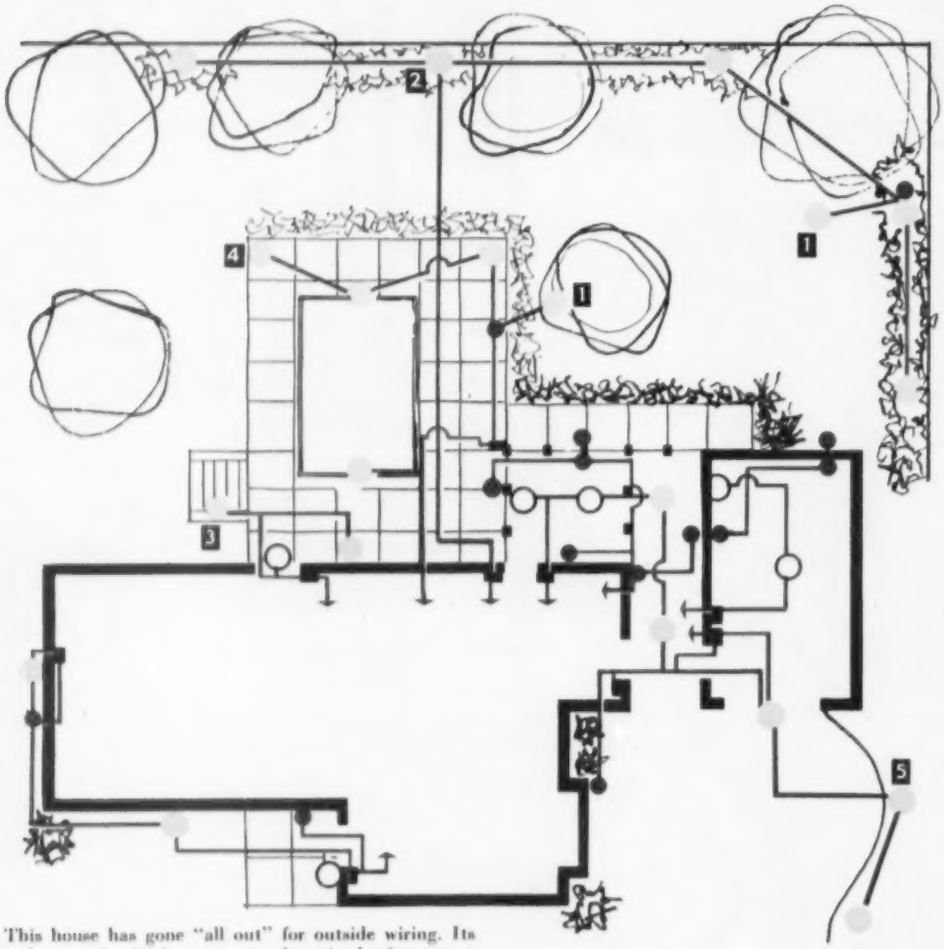
3 Flush surface unit. Mount 8-12 feet apart along walk or at steps



4 Louvered curb light. Casts low circle of light to brighten floor

5 Directional border fixture. New unit that lights a selected area

Check your plans for outdoor wiring with this diagram



This house has gone "all out" for outside wiring. Its eight new circuits (arrows toward service box) are more than you'd add. But each shows a typical wiring idea.

Perimeter lights illuminate entire house at night. Others include boundary, garden, steps, and pool lights (numbers match pictures at right). Outlets are strategically spotted. Circuits are apportioned so overload won't plunge entire area into darkness. Garage shop has own circuit. Black circles are indoor, attached fixtures.

Outlets
Lights
Circuits

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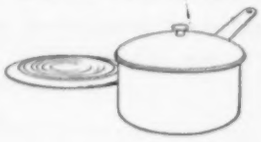

With Minute Rice there's never any danger of gummy failure. Because it's already cooked, Minute Rice gives you light, fluffy, perfect rice every time. A delicious way to balance a meal.

Outside wiring

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These are some of the things it can do

Weatherproof outlets on porch, patio let family enjoy outdoor cookery. Almost all kitchen appliances are designed today with eye to portability

Adequate wiring in garage, with a lot of outlets, allows such conveniences as use of vacuum cleaner to clean car or to do light spraying

Photographs: Pease, de Gennaro

Cut cost of custom polishing, do it during winter in warm garage. Buffer attachment goes on your drill or rent one. Use grounded plug here

Outdoor lights add nighttime beauty to picture window. Spots outline tree trunks, cast patterns from foliage. They discourage prowlers, too

Before we get into the "how" of outside wiring, let's look at some of the many "whys" of having this aid.

Lighting is the big reason. Outdoor lights have three big jobs cut out for them:

1. Decoration. Garden lights turn an area you've toiled with all day into a beautiful backdrop for evening activity. One spotlight under a tree can give depth and interest to a picture window that was formerly a blank, unfriendly hole in the wall at night. Garden scenes actually seem to improve under night lighting. The reason is selectivity that lets you illuminate prize plants or statuary for color, texture, or shadow, with unpleasant or distracting surroundings left dark. And even though it's only once a year, don't forget the fun you can have with Christmas lights—IF you have outside wiring.

2. Safety. The same subtle lighting that makes your home attractive to you and passers-by at night makes it most unattractive to prowlers. Along with safety from unwanted visitors, there's safety for you and invited guests.

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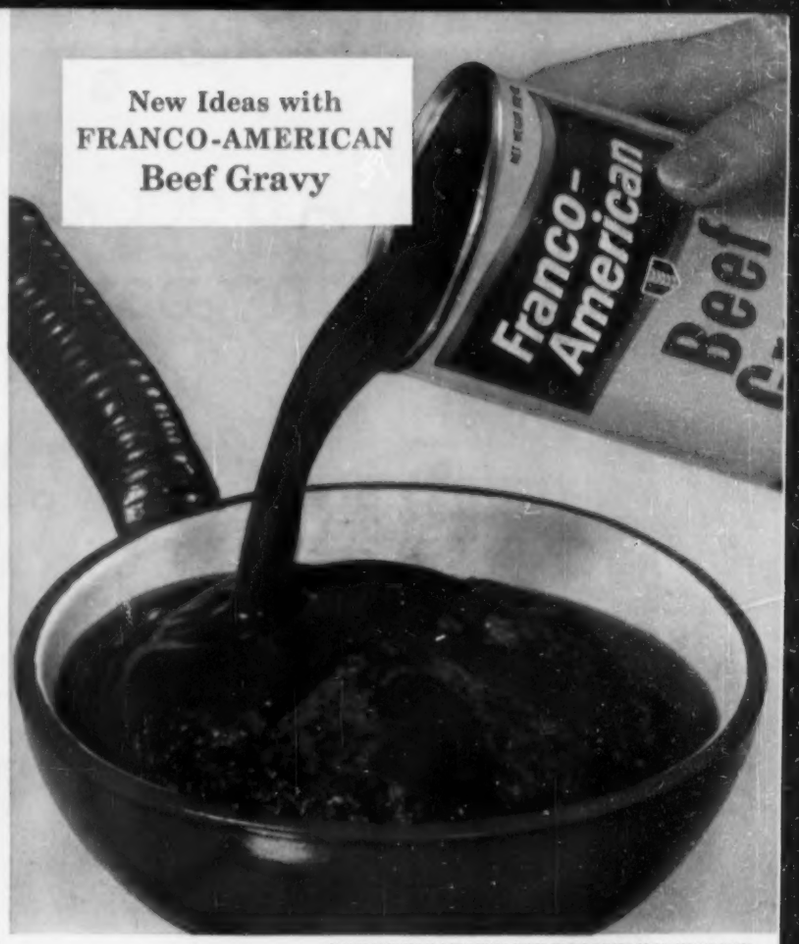
Your local utility company will assist you in planning wiring modernization in an old house, or in developing an electrical plan for your new home.

Their advice will start you on the right track to getting top efficiency from your electrical appliances and to confidence in your home's wiring system.



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Skillet Burgers with Gravy! Shape 1 lb. ground beef into 6 patties, season to taste, then brown on both sides in skillet. Then add 3-ounce can sliced mushrooms, drained, and cook until browned. Add 1 can Beef Gravy and simmer a few minutes.

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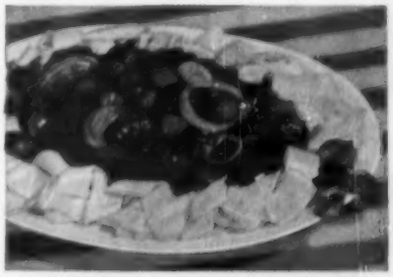
Baked Beef Patties! Combine 1 pound lean ground beef, ½ tsp. salt, dash of black pepper, 2 tbsp. minced onion and ¼ cup Beef Gravy. Shape into 4 large patties. Bake in small casseroles or 8-inch baking pan about 30 minutes at 350° F. Pour off excess fat, then pour remainder of gravy over meat and return to oven until heated through.



Skillet Supper! Cook 1 lb. ground beef and 1 small onion, sliced, in 2 tbsp. butter (or margarine) until brown. Stir occasionally to separate meat. Add 1 cup very thinly sliced raw carrots, 1 can Beef Gravy, ½ tsp. salt, dash of pepper. Cover, cook slowly, stirring occasionally, until carrots are tender, about 15 minutes. Serve on cooked rice or noodles.

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Outside wiring

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Besides usual welcoming porch light, you need illumination at any point along walk or drive where a sudden turn or step could cause a fall. If someone doesn't know your house, an illuminated street number is a big help. It could be a lifesaver in a nighttime emergency.

Lights on drive and turnaround protect cars from trees, other objects—and vice versa. A minor but appreciated extra of outside lights is minimizing eye-blinking change from inky black to bright as you or guests walk inside at night.

3. Entertainment. All kinds of permanent and portable fixtures are available to light any sort of outdoor evening activity you can think of. These range from waterproof lamps submerged in swimming pools to tall, telescoping poles with clustered flood and spotlights to illuminate large areas. In between are the many more commonly required fixtures to light terraces, pathways, back lawns, and such. A design that's gaining in popularity is a light mounted on a spike and equipped with a lengthy piece of outdoor-type connecting wire. This lamp can be thrust into the ground and plugged in wherever needed.

There are also permanent types that cast direct or diffused light wherever you wish.

Outside wiring advantages don't stop with lights. Outdoor eating and entertaining have made it desirable to bring along almost any indoor appliance that can be plugged in outside. A list of food-preparation devices that now see inside-outside use would read like a kitchen census, ranging from tiny electric knife sharpeners to large rotisseries and broilers. Some designs—like electric spits—are direct outgrowths of outdoor eating. Almost all food-preparation devices are being designed these days with this sort of portability.

The same has been true for some time with radios, phonographs, and television. The TV manufacturers have slowed their push toward bigger and bigger screens to emphasize sets with small, lightweight tubes and aids to transportation—such as handles, collapsible antennas, and rolling stands. Even portable and weatherproof hi-fi speakers are available to bring sound from elaborate, immobile indoor music systems out to people on the patio.

Those folks with outside convenience outlets are discovering new outdoor uses for indoor equipment every day. A household electric fan not only stirs a breeze on a still night, it discourages insects from buzzing about. An indoor bridge lamp can serve the same purpose on the patio it does in the parlor.

Working outside with electricity

This might better be labeled "avoiding work" because that's what ample electricity outside the house helps you do. An outlet in your garden area can power an electric mower, hedge clippers, sprayer, edger, or trimmer. Your portable lights can be moved to garden areas to let you work after the hot sun goes down.

Other things that require outside electrical connection: vacuuming the car, using power shop tools in garage or "on location" around yard, power paint spraying, heating cables for a hotbed, snow melters, car-engine warmers, bug traps, alarm systems, door openers, and many others.

Putting in outside wiring

With the preceding list of outdoor wiring advantages in mind, plus knowledge of your family's habits, list features that would add enjoyment to your outside activity. When you start figuring what lighting you'll require, take into consideration size and topography of lot, style and construction of house. Most important question of all: Is your house's present service entrance (where electric company's power enters house system) husky enough to handle additional load (100-amp minimum)?

Check to see if extra circuits are available at service panel or if others need to be added. How long will circuits have to be to take in every spot you have in mind? These facts will help you get a quick, accurate estimate from an electrical contractor.

Overhead wiring is sometimes used (running power to garage, to tall pole lights, or from two-story houses) but, generally speaking, underground installation is easier, cheaper, neater. It isn't wise to tackle major connections yourself, but there's much you can do to cut costs laying type UF (underground feed) cable. Chances are you can work out a deal with your electrician to let you dig trenches and backfill after he's laid wire and made all needed connections. In any case, check with your local building inspector to find what materials and methods are acceptable.

To lay UF cable, dig a trench a foot deep. Scatter sand or fine soil in bottom to cover any sharp rocks. Lay wire, leaving slight "S" coil close to where it enters house (this allows for ground, wire expansion during extreme temperature change.) Place scrap wood over wire to protect it from deep digging. Replace dirt.

Remember, the wire must run in continuous piece, complying with National Electric Code. Splice only in proper enclosure.

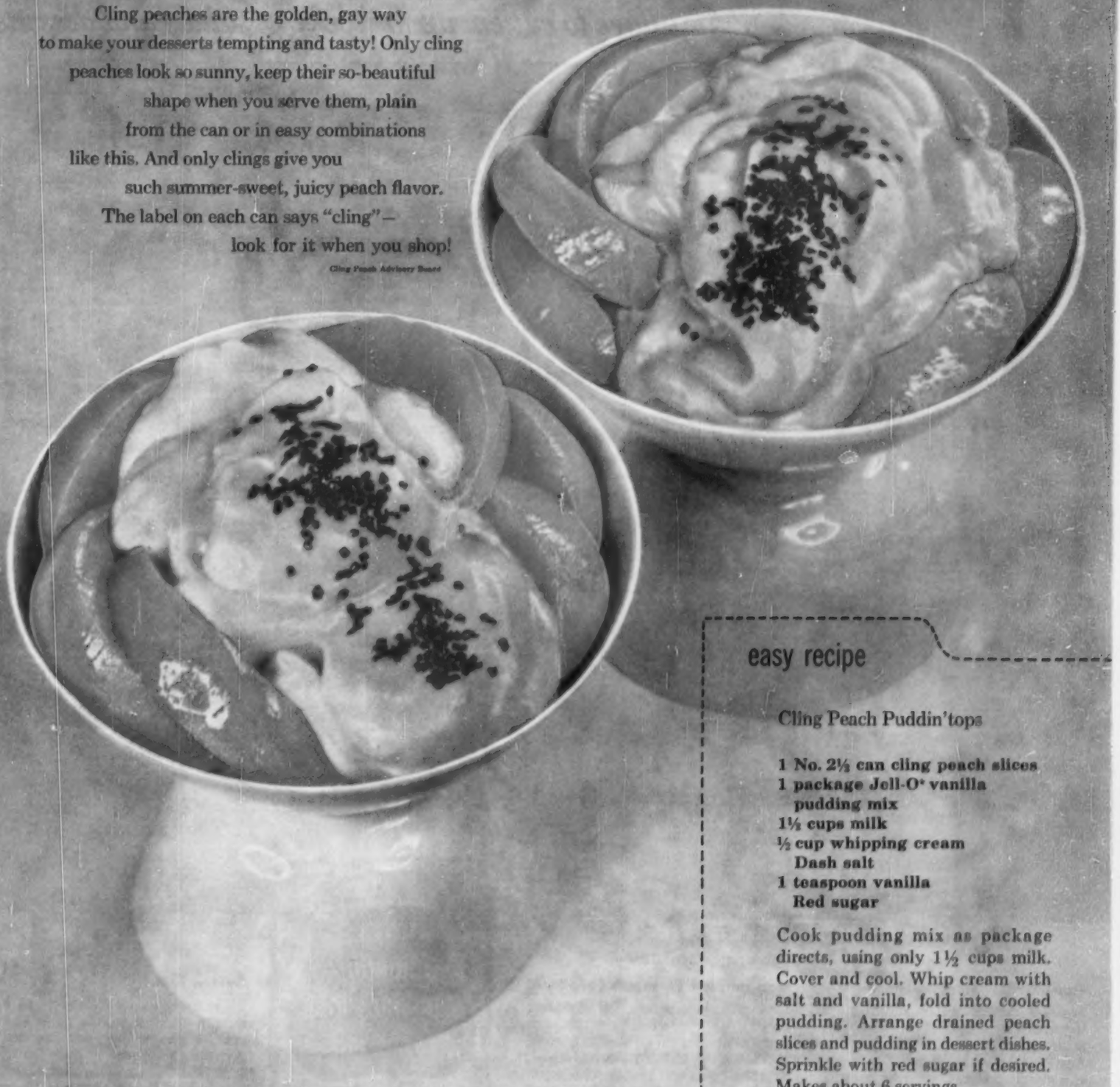
Where wire emerges from ground—at house and outlet—run it through an "L" of rigid steel conduit (don't use regular pipe which has rough inside edges). Calk well around the place conduit enters house to prevent moisture from following it inside.

If you run wires overhead where such supports as posts, trees, or buildings are available, keep strands at least 8 feet high with support every 15 feet. Cover with conduit where wires are lower than that or in position to be easily damaged by moving tree limbs.

Cling Peach Puddin' tops

Cling peaches are the golden, gay way to make your desserts tempting and tasty! Only cling peaches look so sunny, keep their so-beautiful shape when you serve them, plain from the can or in easy combinations like this. And only clings give you such summer-sweet, juicy peach flavor. The label on each can says "cling"—look for it when you shop!

Cling Peach Advisory Board



easy recipe

Cling Peach Puddin'tops

1 No. 2½ can cling peach slices
1 package Jell-O* vanilla pudding mix
1½ cups milk
½ cup whipping cream
Dash salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
Red sugar

Cook pudding mix as package directs, using only 1½ cups milk. Cover and cool. Whip cream with salt and vanilla, fold into cooled pudding. Arrange drained peach slices and pudding in dessert dishes. Sprinkle with red sugar if desired. Makes about 6 servings.

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Marshmallow Floating Island

Scald 2 cups of milk. Combine 3 slightly beaten eggs, ⅓ cup sugar, dash of salt and a small amount of the milk. Add to the remaining milk in the top of a double boiler. Cook over hot, not boiling, water, stirring constantly, until the mixture coats a metal spoon. Remove the custard immediately from the hot water, and add ½ teaspoon of vanilla. Cool quickly. Fold in 1 cup Kraft Miniature Marshmallows, and serve. Kraft Miniatures make so many treats easy!

Marshmallow Pineapple-Lime Mold

Dissolve 1 package lime gelatin dessert in 1 cup hot water. Drain the juice from 1 cup canned crushed pineapple and add water to make 1 cup of liquid. Add this liquid and 1 tablespoon lemon juice to the gelatin mixture. Chill until almost firm. Fold in the crushed pineapple and 2 cups of Kraft Miniature Marshmallows. Pour into a 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Unmold onto a serving plate covered with lettuce. Serve with Kraft Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip Salad Dressing.

Golden Toppers

Place 6 canned peach halves in a lightly greased baking dish, and sprinkle them with ½ cup shredded coconut. Combine ¾ cup brown sugar and ⅓ cup orange juice, and pour around the peach halves. Place 8 Kraft Miniature Marshmallows in the center of each. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°, for 15 minutes. Be sure to use Kraft Miniatures for recipes—they're the *only* marshmallows made by the exclusive new Kraft process so they stay soft and fluffy.

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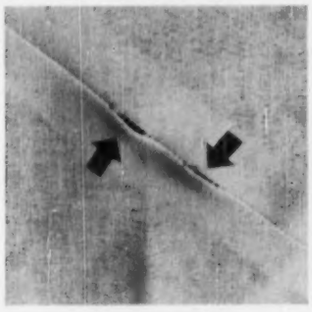
Seams that last longer

Plagued by seams that split as soon as there's any pull on them? Stop the trouble before you sew

Unbalanced tension causes this . . .

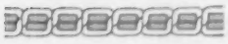


Give seams with split-itis this trouble-spot check to be sure of equal top and bottom thread tensions.

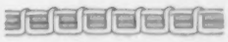
Use the same weight thread on the bobbin and in the needle. Check the correct thread weight for fabrics you sew. Be sure upper and lower threads interlock perfectly—fault here is most apt to give you split seams.

How to know a perfect stitch

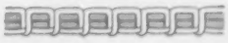
At right is a perfect stitch. The upper (needle) and lower (bobbin) threads lock in center.



In stitch with upper tension too tight, upper thread draws lower thread to top of fabric.



When tension on upper thread is loose, bobbin thread draws upper thread to bottom of fabric.



Try this easy test for thread tension

Fold a square of the fabric on which you are planning to sew. With thread you will use, make a row of stitching on the double thickness.

Sew in a diagonal line along the true bias of the fabric. Arrow points to the important top tension knob.

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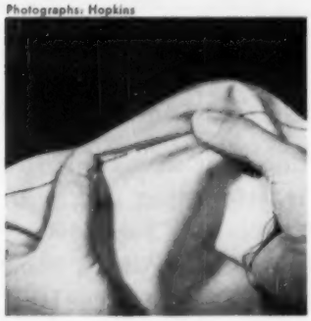

Remove square from machine and keep side you stitched up to make tension test. Grasp fabric, pull evenly and stretch stitching.

Stitch is perfect when both top and bottom threads break. When only top thread breaks, it is too tight; tension must be lessened. If bottom thread breaks, tighten top tension knob as explained below.

It's simple to adjust tension

For most sewing, adjust needle tension only. Delicate bobbin tension is usually set when your machine is checked. All tension mechanism is released when pressure foot is up. So lower the foot to adjust needle tension knob (indicated by arrow in the photograph of machine above). "Right is tight, left is loose" rule reminds which way to turn the knob.

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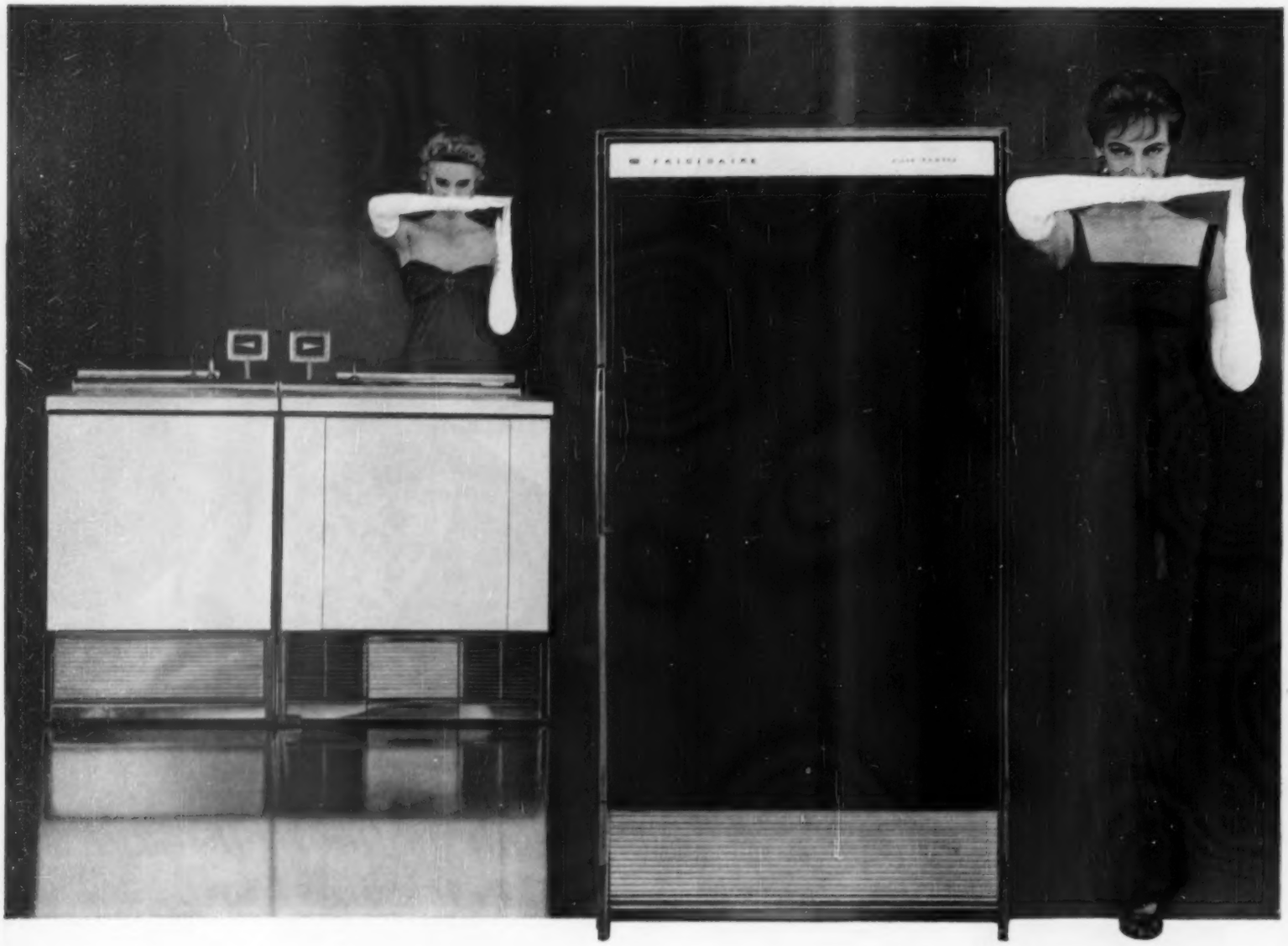

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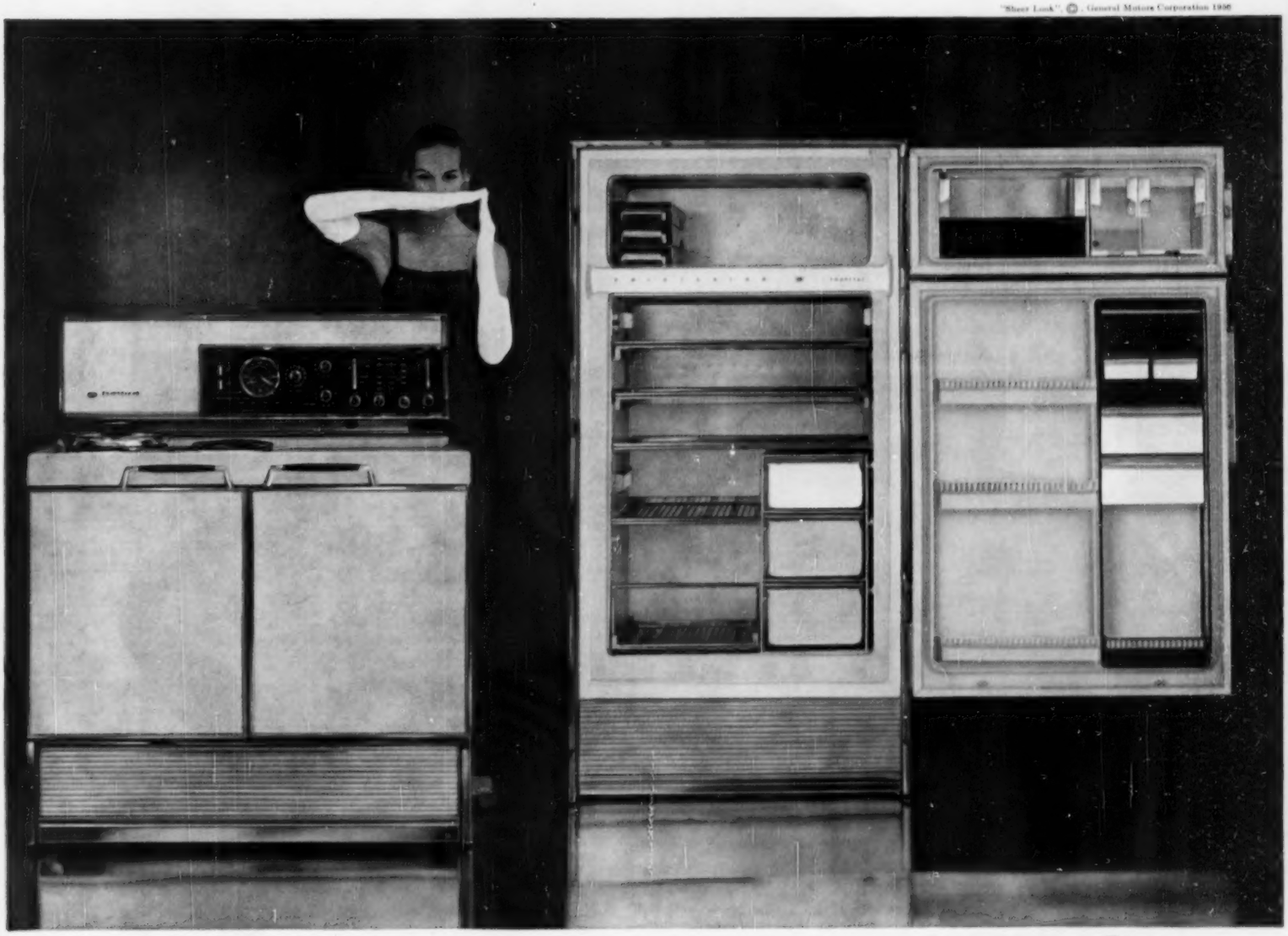

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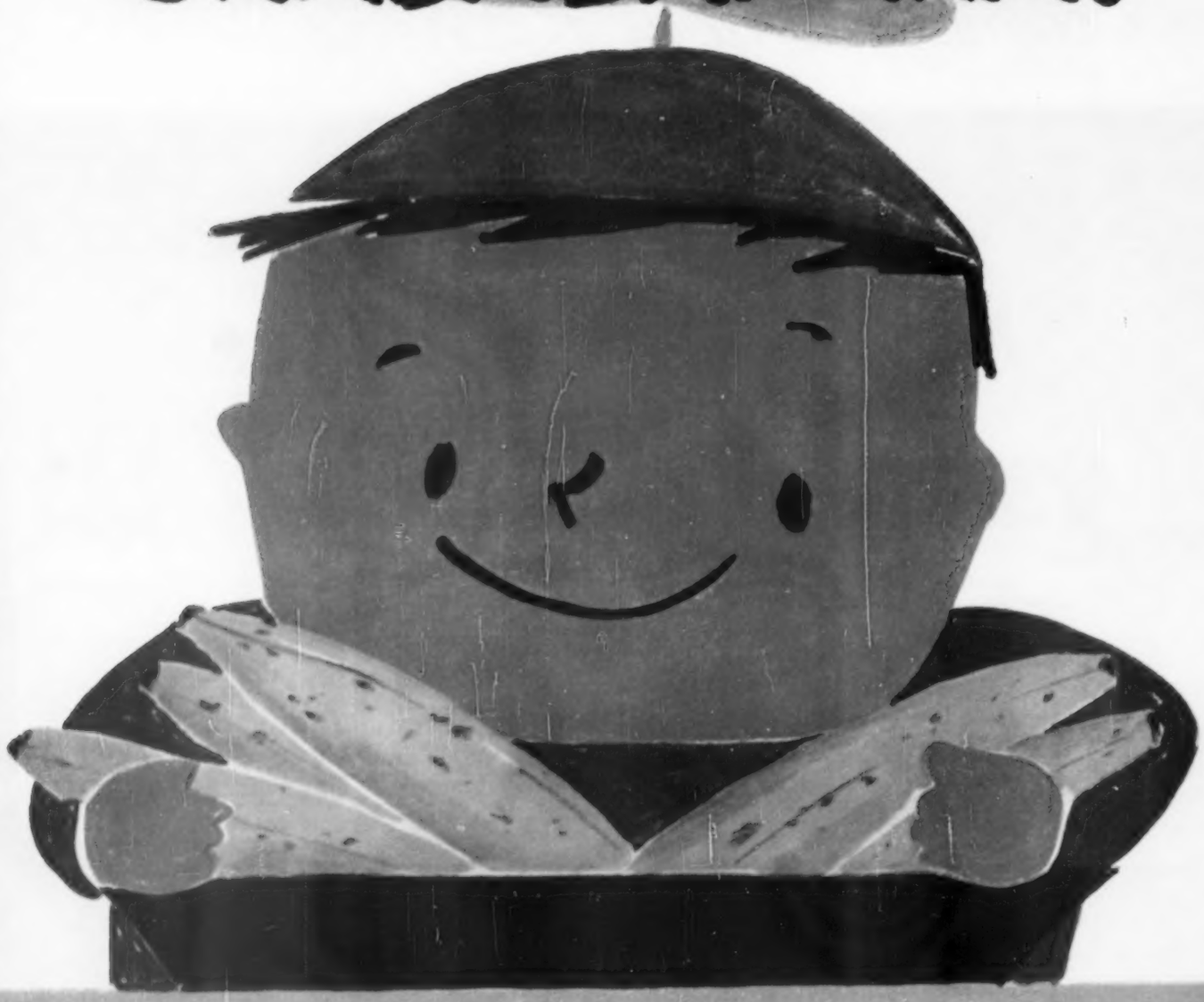
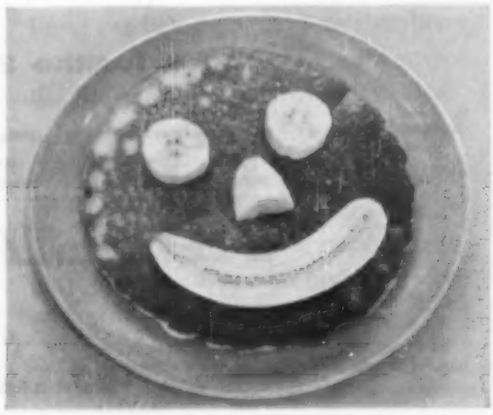


Bananas . . . wholesome—and then some!

Choconana milkshakes — great drinking! Mash a banana in your blender. Add a glass of cold milk and 1 tbsp. chocolate syrup; mix. Or mash with a fork, and shake with milk and chocolate.



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Mincemeat specials

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Mincemeat Ice-cream Cake

Delicious mincemeat ice cream is sandwiched between cake layers—

1 sponge-, angel-, or pound-cake loaf (about 10x4x2 inches)
1 quart vanilla ice cream
1 cup prepared mincemeat
½ cup slivered blanched almonds, toasted
1 teaspoon grated orange peel

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1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Rub brown crumbs off cake. Cut cake lengthwise in 3 even layers. Stir ice cream just to soften. Fold in mincemeat, almonds, and orange peel; spread between cake layers. Freeze firm. Before serving, frost top and sides with whipped cream. Trim with almonds and maraschino cherries. Makes about 10 servings.

Mrs. John Wilkinson, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Photographs: Mike Nelson

Hearty rice dishes

Glorified Riceburgers

Well-seasoned meat patties get a top-dress of rice and cheese—

1 pound ground beef
¼ cup finely chopped onion
½ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons catsup
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

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1 cup hot cooked rice
½ to ¾ cup shredded sharp process American cheese

Combine meat, onion, salt, catsup, mustard, and Worcestershire; shape in 4 patties. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat 7 to 8 minutes or till brown on one side. Turn; broil other side 4 to 5 minutes or till brown. Top each patty with ¼ cup cooked rice; sprinkle with cheese. Return to broiler till cheese melts. Spoon drippings over. Makes 4 servings.

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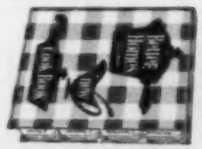

Mandarin Rice Bake

- ½ cup rice
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon salt

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- ½ pound lean pork, cut in cubes
- ½ pound veal, cut in cubes
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1½ cups chopped celery
- 1½ cups chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup chopped pimiento
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce

Place rice in greased 2-quart casserole; add boiling water and salt; set aside. Slowly brown meat in hot fat. Place meat, celery, onion, green pepper, and pimiento over rice. Stir in soup and soy sauce. Cover; bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour and 15 minutes or till meat is done. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

Mrs. Lloyd E. Swenson, Watertown, South Dakota

Parsley Rice Squares with Chicken

- 3 cups cooked rice
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- ¾ cup shredded sharp cheese
- ⅓ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
- 3 beaten eggs
- 1½ cups milk
- 1½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

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Creamed chicken

Mix rice, parsley, cheese, onion, and seasonings. Combine eggs, milk, and Worcestershire; add to rice mixture and mix thoroughly. Pour into greased 10x6x1½-inch baking dish. Bake in slow oven (325°) 40 minutes or just until set. Cut in squares; top with creamed chicken. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Mrs. C. L. Craig, St. Louis, Missouri

Oven Spanish Rice

- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons salad oil or melted fat
- 1 1½-ounce envelope spaghetti-sauce mix
- 2 1-pound cans (4 cups) tomatoes
- 1 cup rice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup shredded sharp process American cheese

Cook onion and green pepper in hot oil till tender but not brown. Stir in spaghetti-sauce mix, tomatoes, rice, salt, and water; simmer 10 minutes. Place in greased 1½-quart casserole; cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes or till rice is done. Sprinkle with cheese. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Mrs. Edsall Williams, Greenville, Michigan

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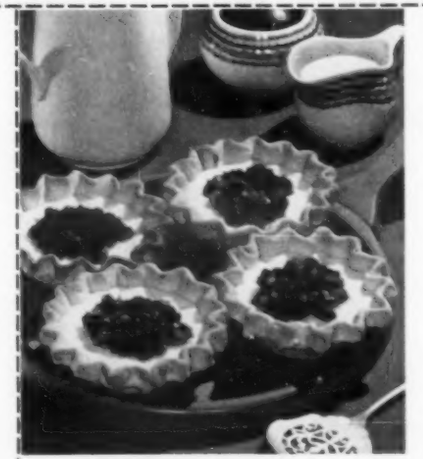

Cheesecake Mince Tarts

- 1¾ cups prepared mincemeat
- 8 4-inch unbaked pastry tart shells

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- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 well-beaten eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- ½ teaspoon rum flavoring
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour

Reserve ½ cup mincemeat. Spoon remainder into tart shells. Add cheese to eggs; beat till smooth. Blend in sour cream, lemon peel, flavoring. Mix sugar and flour; stir into cheese mixture. Pour over mincemeat in tarts. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 25 to 30 minutes or till lightly browned. Cool. Top with reserved mincemeat.

Mrs. John Kile, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mincemeat Torte

- 2½ cups fine graham-cracker crumbs
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt

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- 1 cup sugar
- 3 beaten eggs
- 1 9-ounce package mincemeat, broken in pieces
- 1 cup chopped California walnuts
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 recipe Tangerine Sauce

Mix crumbs, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add sugar to eggs, beating till very thick; fold in crumbs, mincemeat, nuts, and peel. Bake in well-greased 9x9x2-inch pan in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes or till done. Cut in squares and serve warm with **Tangerine Sauce:** In saucepan, combine ¼ cup sugar and 2 tablespoons cornstarch. Gradually stir in 1¼ cups water. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick and clear. Remove from heat; add ½ cup frozen tangerine-juice concentrate and 2 tablespoons butter or margarine. Serve warm. Makes 9 servings.

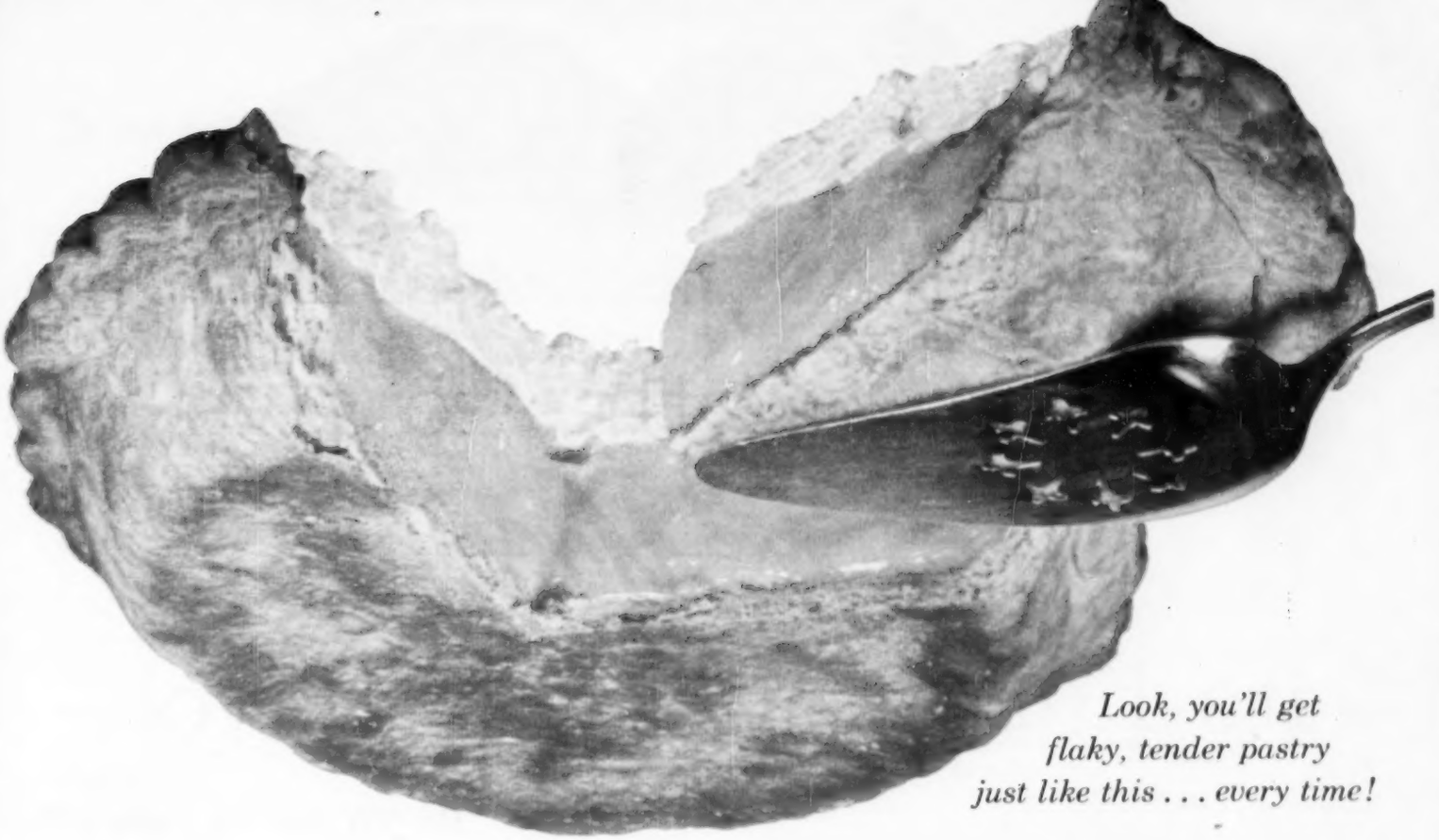
Mrs. Hildreth H. Hatheway, Santa Barbara, California

Mincemeat Apple Crisp

- 1¾ cups prepared mincemeat *or* 1 9-ounce package
- 4 medium apples, pared and sliced
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter or margarine

If using packaged mincemeat, prepare according to package directions. Place half of apples in buttered 8x1½-inch round baking dish. Top with half the mincemeat; repeat layers. Mix remaining ingredients till crumbly; sprinkle over top. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes or till apples are tender. Serve warm with cream. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. Marjorie Lindsay, Bonaparte, Iowa



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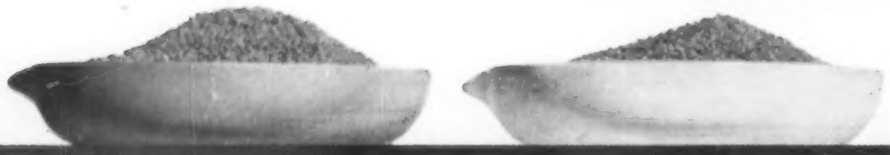

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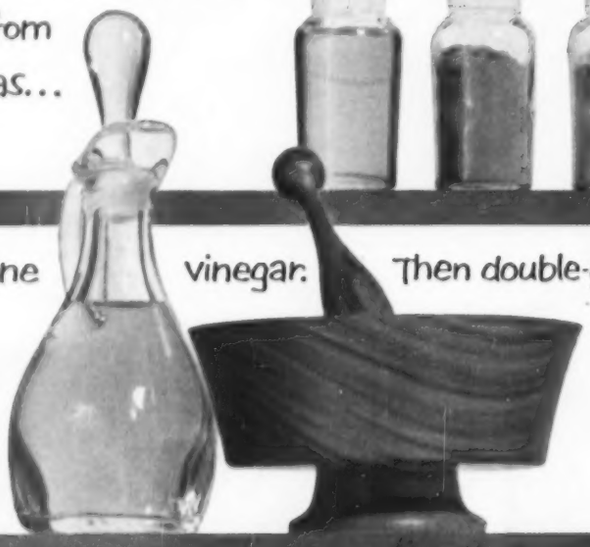

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Holiday hospitality ideas

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Western Sandwiches

4 slices bacon, cut in small pieces
8 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
½ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion
Hot buttered toast

Fry bacon. Spoon off about half the fat. Beat eggs slightly; add salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture into skillet; keep heat low. When mixture starts to set at bottom and sides, lift cooked portions with a wide spatula so uncooked mixture goes to the bottom of the skillet. When eggs are almost firm, remove from heat and add green pepper and onion. Serve at once on toast. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

The next 10 recipes are for the smorgasbord you see on page 42

Jellied Salmon

A dazzler—hearty seafood salad mold with crown of tart lemon gelatin—

Lemon layer:

1 envelope (1 tablespoon) unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1 cup boiling water
1 tablespoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
Few drops yellow food coloring

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in boiling water. Add sugar, salt, lemon juice, and enough food coloring to tint desired color. Pour into lightly oiled 2½-quart mold. Chill until set. Meanwhile start the salmon layer.

Salmon-salad layer:

3 envelopes (3 tablespoons) unflavored gelatin
¾ cup cold water
3¼ cups boiling water
¼ cup vinegar
¼ cup lemon juice
1½ teaspoons salt
2 1-pound cans (4 cups) red salmon, drained, broken in pieces
2 cups drained canned or cooked peas
1½ cups diced celery
½ cup green-pepper strips
½ cup thinly sliced unpared cucumber

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in boiling water. Add vinegar, lemon juice, and salt. Chill till partially set. Add salmon and vegetables; mix carefully. Pour over lemon layer. Chill until firm, several hours or overnight. Unmold atop lettuce on serving tray. Pass tartare sauce. Makes 12 servings.

Pickled Shrimp

Tops for appetizers! Fix ahead—

2½ pounds fresh or frozen shrimp
½ cup celery tops
¼ cup mixed pickling spices
3½ teaspoons salt
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2 cups sliced onion
7 or 8 bay leaves

Cover shrimp with boiling water; add celery, spices, and salt. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Drain; cool with cold water. Peel shell from the shrimp and devein under cold water. Alternate the cleaned shrimp and onion in shallow dish. Add bay leaves. Marinate at least 24 hours in **Pickling Marinade:** Combine 1¼ cups salad oil, ¾ cup white vinegar, 3 tablespoons capers and juice, 2½ teaspoons celery seed, 1½ teaspoons salt, and dash Tabasco sauce. Mix well. Pour over shrimp. Cover; chill. Pickled shrimp will keep at least a week in the refrigerator.

Apple Salad Bowl

1 cup halved and seeded red or green grapes
1 cup celery slices
2 cups diced unpared apples
½ cup broken California walnuts
⅓ cup Creamy Dressing

Combine all the ingredients. Chill. Garnish with unpared apple wedges arranged as poinsettia with a center of parsley. Makes 6 servings. **Creamy Dressing:** Combine ½ cup enriched flour, ½ cup sugar, and ½ teaspoon salt. Blend in 1 tablespoon prepared mustard, 1 slightly beaten egg, and 1 cup water. Cook in top of double boiler over simmering water until thick, stirring constantly. Stir in ¼ cup vinegar. Chill. Beat smooth. Then gradually fold into 1 cup heavy cream, whipped. Makes 2 cups.

Sweet-sour Brown Beans

Cooked atop range—they are the real Swedish kind. Soak overnight or use the quick method—

2 cups Swedish brown beans
4 cups water
1½ teaspoons salt
½ cup brown sugar or light molasses
¼ cup vinegar

Wash beans; drain. Add water; cover and let stand overnight. (Or bring water and beans slowly to boiling; reduce heat and simmer 2 minutes; cover, and let stand 1 hour.) Add salt; cover, and simmer 2 hours or till tender. (If necessary add additional water during cooking.) Stir in brown sugar and vinegar. Cook, uncovered, 15 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Makes 6 servings.

Swedish Meat Balls

Wonderfully light—beating is the secret! Seasoning's gentle—

¼ cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
½ pound ground beef
½ pound ground veal
¾ teaspoon salt
Dash white pepper
2 tablespoons enriched flour
1 egg
¼ cup light cream
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1 can condensed consomme

Cook onion in butter till tender but not brown. Combine meats and seasonings; *beat thoroughly.* Beat in flour; then beat in egg. Gradually beat in cream. Add onion. (This mixture should be light and fluffy.) Form mixture in 1-inch balls and

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Easy dishes, more delicious with better-than-ever SWANSON CHICKEN

Better-than-ever
Chicken a la King

Delicious as is, or in dishes like

Chicken Royal

1 can Swanson Chicken a la King
1 cup shredded process cheese
1 cup cooked green beans
1 cup cooked noodles

Combine all ingredients in a one-quart casserole. Bake in a moderate oven (375°) for about 20 minutes. Makes four servings. So many dishes taste *special* with Swanson Chicken a la King! Campbell Soup Company chefs make it from a new recipe that calls for big, juicy pieces of chicken and mushroom, lots of pimiento and rich cream sauce. Try it!

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Boned Chicken Fricassee

Have a Southern Fricassee Feast!

1 can Swanson Boned Chicken Fricassee
1 cup cooked peas
1 tablespoon diced pimiento
Corn bread

Put Swanson Boned Chicken Fricassee into a saucepan with peas and pimiento. Heat well. Ladle over corn bread, for a mighty tempting main-dish meal! This better-than-ever Swanson Boned Chicken Fricassee is so chock-full of tender chicken and golden gravy, your family will love it! Makes four servings.

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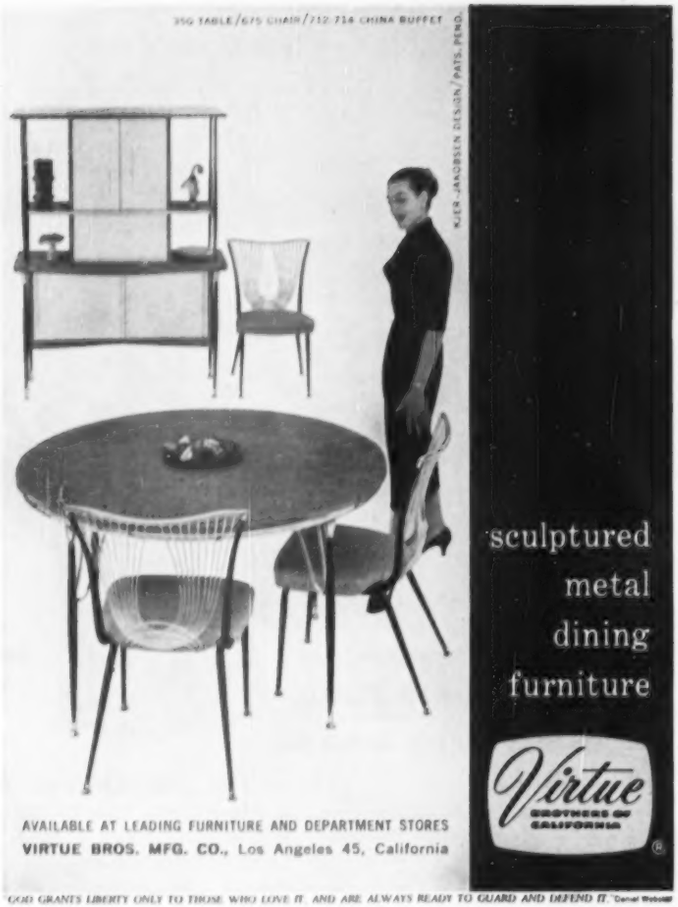

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lightly brown in a little additional butter or margarine, shaking skillet to turn balls. Remove excess fat. Add consomme and cook uncovered, 12 to 15 minutes. If desired, thicken gravy. Makes 2 dozen.

Fruited Ring Mold

3 packages lemon-flavored gelatin
2 cups hot water
1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) peach halves
1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) pineapple slices
½ cup (20) drained maraschino cherries

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Drain peaches and pineapple, reserving syrups. Combine syrups and add cold water to make 3 cups. Add syrup mixture to dissolved gelatin. Chill until partially set. Arrange peach halves and maraschino cherries in bottom of 2½-quart ring mold. Halve pineapple slices and dip in gelatin mixture; arrange on sides of mold. Pour gelatin mixture over fruit. Chill till firm. Unmold and center with bowl of mayonnaise. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Baked-ham timetable

Set oven at 325°. Times are for chilled hams taken right from refrigerator

Uncooked (cook-before-eating type)	*Time (per lb.)*	*Time* (total)*
Half ham, 6-8 lbs. 8-lb., for example	25 min.	3 hrs.
10-12-lb. ham 10-lb., for example	18-20 min.	3½ hrs.
12-14-lb. ham 12-lb., for example	16-18 min.	3¾ hrs.
14-16-lb. and over	14-16 min.	3¾ hrs.

**Cooking times are approximate only. If you use a meat thermometer, cook ham to an internal temperature of 160°.*

Cooked (ready-to-eat type)	*Time (per lb.)*	*Time† (total)*
Half ham, 6-8 lbs. 8-lb., for example	15-17 min.	2 hrs.
Whole ham, 12-14 lbs. 12-lb., for example	12-15 min.	3 hrs.

†Cooking times are approximate only. If you use a meat thermometer, heat to 130°.

Marmalade Glaze for Baked Ham

The last 30 minutes of baking, score ham fat. (Use strip of heavy paper, 12x2 inches, to guide you in even scoring. Toothpick strip diagonally on the ham. Use edge of paper as guide in cutting parallel lines across surface. Repeat at angle to make diamonds.) Avoid making scores too deep. It's a good idea to pour fat drippings from pan before pouring glaze over ham. Then when you baste with glaze in pan, it won't be diluted. Spoon orange marmalade over ham. Continue baking about 30 minutes, or till ham is well glazed. **To match the picture:** Pipe softened cream cheese on cooled ham to outline scoring. Fasten a big paper-doily ruffle to shank end.

Swedish Pancakes

Little egg pancakes, luscious with warm Lingonberry Sauce for dessert—

3 eggs
1¼ cups milk
¾ cup sifted enriched flour
1 tablespoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt

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Idea file

Helpful how-to suggestions from the editors of Better Homes & Gardens

Give your home a lift and escape midwinter doldrums. Surprising how a different furniture arrangement can spark up your home. To make sure that your new arrangement is easy to live with, and practical for family activities, we suggest you use the *Furniture Arrangement Booklet.*

It shows how to select pieces that go together with form and balance, how to play up centers of interest. **25c**

Hand in hand with the arrangement booklet goes the *Better Homes & Gardens Furniture Arrangement Kit.* It's easy to use, and it will help you get the best possible arrangements for every room in the house. It provides grid paper and shows you how to outline floor plans of the room on it. Then you arrange pattern cutouts provided to correspond to your furniture. It will save you the work of trial-and-error furniture moving. **25c**

The home handyman who wants to start building furniture can turn out a professional-looking job on this handsome cabinet. Construction tricks developed especially for Handy Plans make shopwork simple. Details are shown in full-size drawings with easy-to-follow directions.

It's a big cabinet—60x16x29—ideal for storage. **81**

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Beat the eggs till thick and lemon-colored. Stir in milk. Sift together dry ingredients; add to egg mixture, mixing until smooth. Drop small amount of batter (1 tablespoon for 3-inch cakes) onto moderately hot, buttered griddle (or bake on special Swedish griddle). Spread batter evenly to make thin cakes. Turn when underside is delicately browned. (To keep first pancakes warm, place them on towel-covered baking sheet in very slow oven.) Spoon melted butter over; sprinkle with sugar. Stack in chafing dish and place over hot water. Makes about 3½ dozen.

Lingonberry Sauce

Swedish as the smorgasbord—traditional with pancakes and custard desserts, with meats. Delicious!—

4 cups lingonberries
½ cup water
1 cup sugar

Drain berries; wash and pick out leaves. Place berries in saucepan. Add the water and bring to boiling. Add sugar; stir to dissolve. Simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat and place saucepan in cold water; stir sauce a minute or two. Makes 3 cups.

Onion-Bean Bake

1½ cups onion rings
2 1-pound cans (4 cups) pork and beans
½ to ¾ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
6 slices bacon, cut in pieces
½ cup catsup

Reserve ½ cup onion rings; mix remainder with beans. Pour *half* of mixture into 1½-quart casserole. Combine sugar and mustard; sprinkle *half* over beans. Add remaining beans. Top with rest of sugar mixture, the bacon, and catsup. Scatter reserved onions over. Cover and bake in slow oven (325°) 2 hours. Uncover, and continue baking ½ hour longer. Makes 8 servings.

Chicken a la King

Use the frozen kind and dress it up like this. Late snack in no time!—

2 10-ounce packages frozen chicken a la king
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon golden-brown prepared mustard
1 recipe Crisp Waffles*
6 ¼-inch slices canned jellied cranberry sauce

Prepare chicken a la king according to package directions. Combine melted butter and mustard. Brush on both sides of hot baked waffles. Top with slice of cranberry sauce; spoon hot chicken a la king over. Makes 6 servings.

*Or use frozen waffles and heat according to package directions.

Sandwich Express

Easy for the rock-and-roll set. Appetites will call for two loaves!—

1 loaf French bread (about 20 inches long)
¼ cup butter or margarine
1 clove garlic, minced
Tomato slices
Cheese slices, cut in half
Thin slices Bologna or corned-beef loaf
Green-pepper rings (optional)

Cut the bread in ¾-inch slices, *not quite through* bottom crust. Cream butter with minced garlic. Sprinkle tomato slices with salt. Spread garlic butter on facing sides of every other slice and insert tomato slice, half slice cheese, Bologna slice, and green-pepper ring, all in the same "pocket." Heat on baking sheet in moderate oven (350°) 20 minutes. To serve, break or cut through bottom crust of unfilled slices to make sandwiches. Makes 10 servings.

Crisp Waffles

1¾ cups sifted enriched flour or 2 cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 beaten egg yolks
1¼ cups milk
½ cup salad oil
2 stiff-beaten egg whites

Sift together dry ingredients. Combine yolks and milk; stir into dry ingredients. Stir in oil. Fold in egg whites, leaving a few little fluffs—don't fold too thoroughly. Bake in hot waffle baker. Makes 6 to 8.

Pink Sodas

For each "customer," place a jumbo scoop of vanilla or strawberry ice cream in tall glass. Fill with chilled strawberry carbonated beverage. Serve with long straws.

Shrimp Curry

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1½ cups finely chopped, pared tart apples
2 tablespoons enriched flour
2 to 2½ teaspoons curry powder
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 to 3 cups cleaned canned or cooked shrimp (1 to 1½ pounds in shell)
1 recipe Yellow Rice

Melt butter; add apples and cook 5 minutes. Mix flour and curry powder; stir into apples. Slowly stir in milk. Cook, stirring constantly, till mixture thickens. Add salt. Add shrimp, and heat through. Serve with fluffy, hot Yellow Rice and garnish with parsley. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Yellow Rice

Saffron gives the delicate color and subtle flavor—

2 cups boiling water
1 teaspoon salt
15 grains saffron
1 cup long-grain rice

To boiling water add the salt and saffron. Add rice; cover, and cook over low heat till tender and water is absorbed, about 25 minutes. Serve hot, garnished with green-pepper rings. Makes 3 cups. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** Or prepare one 5-ounce package (1⅓ cups) precooked rice according to package directions, but add 4 to 6 drops yellow food coloring.

Mexican Fried Rice

1 cup long-grain rice
1½ cups hot water
6 slices bacon, chopped
1 can condensed consomme
1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
½ teaspoon cumin seed

Soak rice in hot water 25 minutes; drain; let stand to dry, about 1 hour. Cook bacon till crisp; remove bacon. Add rice to drippings and cook till rice is lightly browned.

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Midnight Treat—What'll We Eat?
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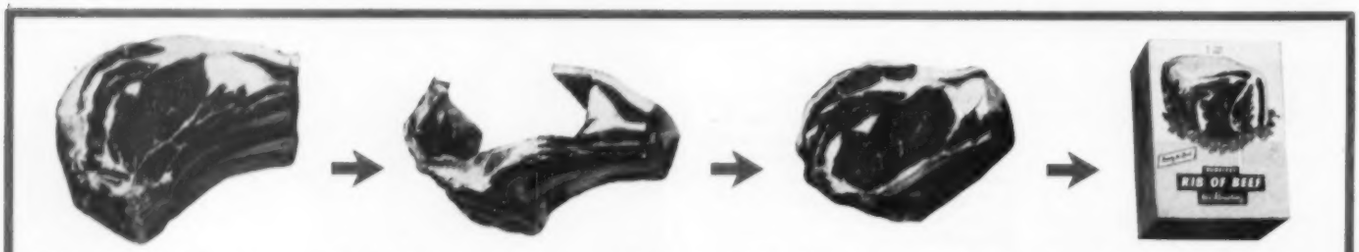
Meat platter news—no bone, no waste!

Packaged frozen meats—they're top quality. Now in your market or coming soon



Rib roast of beef . . . minus bone and excess fat. . . . This is what you buy—packaged and frozen

By Carolyn Davidson

Here's the new style for meats—packaged and frozen! All gristle and excess fat are left at the meat processing plant—most cuts are minus the bone, too. No need to allow for waste in deciding how much to buy—every bit you buy, you eat!

Only top-quality meats are frozen; beef steaks and roasts are aged; steaks tested for tenderness in advance. And easy carving! Just slice the roasts.

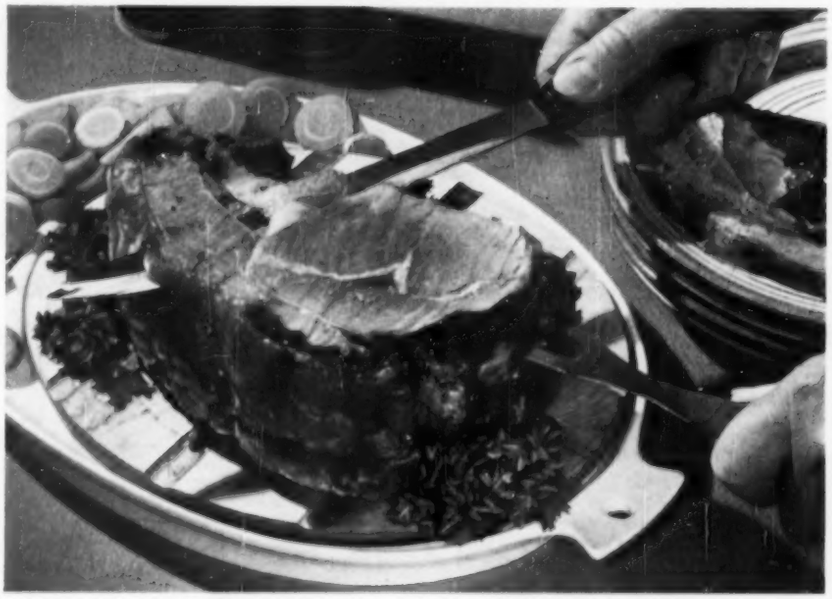
▸ ***What frozen meats are available?***

To name a few: *beef* roasts, four cuts of steak, stew meat; *veal* leg roasts, tenderloin, cutlets; *pork* roasts, tenderloin, butterfly chops; *lamb* roasts, loin chops. Some variety meats. Also quick-cooking meats like ground-beef patties, sandwich steaks.

If you prefer the bone-in meats, you'll find your favorite cuts in this style, too.

▸ ***How much to buy?***

You'll get up to four servings to a pound. No waste (often 25 to 30 percent of meat) in buying—remember, meat's all trimmed. [*Turn to page 93*



Boneless rib roast of beef—100 percent meat! Just slice—everyone's expert at this kind of carving. For doneness guide, use a meat thermometer as always—follow label directions. These roasts are custom-made for cooking in automatic oven. Just set clock controls and your roast will be ready at the time you choose—because this meat is frozen, it will stay cold till heat turns on. (You can select a bone-in roast if you prefer.)

Photographs: Mike Nelson

Pork chop gets a butterfly cut before packaging

Butterfly-style pork chops. Look left—there they are, braised till fork-tender and rich flavored. Fancy fare with asparagus spears and spicy red crabapples.

These are extra-thick loin chops. Bone and waste are removed before packaging (see second picture in line-up just above). The meat is split down center—almost through—and flattened for the "butterfly" (last in line-up). Package contains "matched" chops—each serving is exactly the same size.

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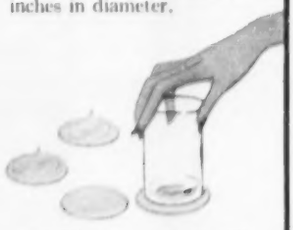
½ teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 400° (hot). Beat eggs with fork until well blended. Stir in Wesson Oil, vanilla and lemon rind. Blend in sugar until mixture thickens. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt; add to egg mixture. (Dough will be soft.) Drop by teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Stamp each cookie flat with bottom of glass dipped in sugar. (Lightly oil glass, then dip in sugar . . . continue dipping in sugar.) Decorate with pecans, walnuts or chocolate bits. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Remove immediately from cookie sheet. 3 dozen cookies, 3 inches in diameter.



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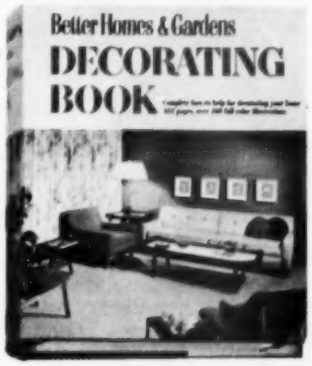

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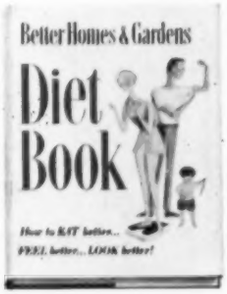

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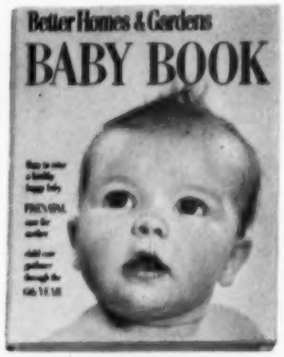

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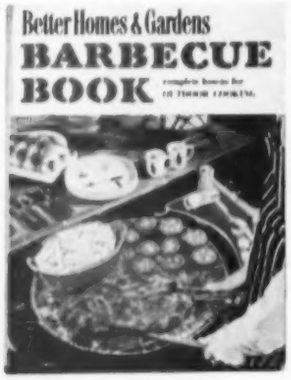

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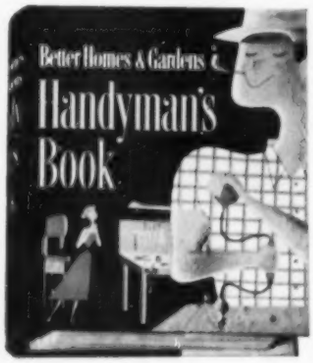

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Meat platter news—no bone, no waste!

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▸ ***What about storage?***

A cinch! The meats are sold in square-cornered, easy-to-stack packages. Buy ahead and store in your freezer. You'll have your own "meat market" in the kitchen, make fewer trips to the store, always be company-ready!

The meats will maintain top quality 2 months or more in freezer (zero degrees or lower)—or 3 to 4 days in the ice-cube compartment. If thawed and not cooked, it's best to use meat next day.

▸ ***Do these meats take "special" cooking?***

No, you use the same everyday methods. Specific directions to help get perfect results are right on the label. Weight, cooking times and temperatures for both frozen and thawed meats are included.

▸ ***Aren't these meats more expensive?***

Not if compared bite for bite. As purchased, these meats cost more per pound than fresh bone-in cuts. But, since you get added convenience and don't pay for waste, the new meats are a good buy and the cost difference small.

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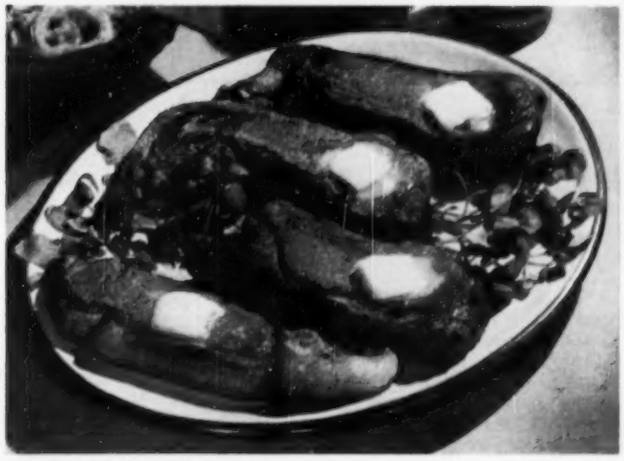

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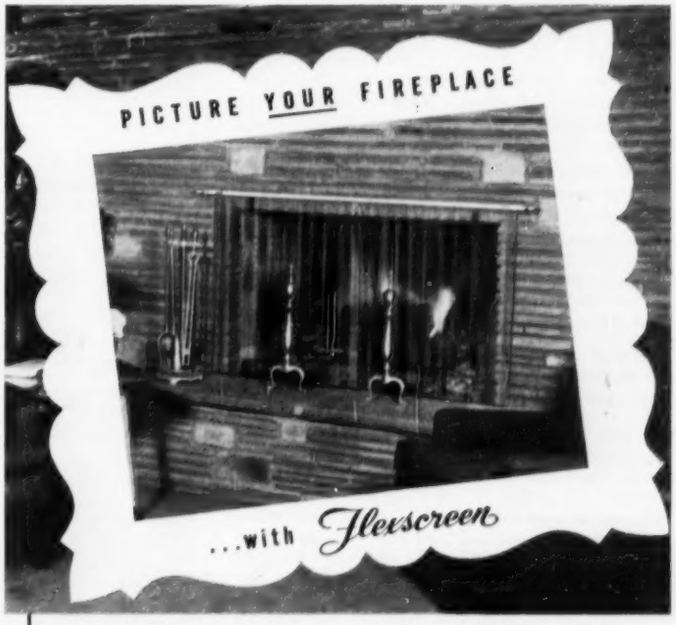

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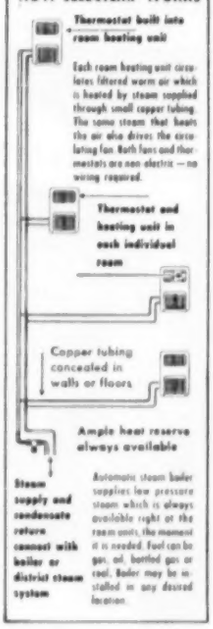

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Ice cream fix-ups and cooking on a skewer

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Hints to help you

Ice cream fix-ups. We mean your favorite sundae, frosty float, parfait, ice-cream pie or cake. Do you add fresh, canned, frozen, or dried fruits? Or nuts, crushed hard candies, or chocolate pieces? Be sure to send the recipe for any sauce you use. Suggestions:

ice-cream angel pie
peach Melba
double fudge sundae
grape revel
banana split
peach parfait pie
ice-cream cake
frozen eclairs
baked Alaska

Cooking on a skewer. You may use short or long skewers; cook meat, chicken, or seafood with fruits or vegetables; or specialize in roasts, or kabobs of bite-size foods. What's the marinade or sauce? Do you use a rotisserie, broiler, or charcoal grill? Ideas:

ham brochettes
hot-dog kabobs
supper-on-a-skewer
barbecued spareribs
beef steak kabobs
chicken-on-a-spit
seafood en brochette
lamb shish-kabobs
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This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 83 and 84*)

Cook-of-the-Month for Rice Main Dishes
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and-completion bond," said the banker.

Ted asked for an explanation. "Your contractor has a fine reputation," said the banker. "But what if he becomes ill? What if he suffers a serious loss in his business? Suppose when the house is finished you find you can't move in, because the builder has had a financial dispute with a supplier, who slaps a lien on the house?

"For these reasons we require that you do one of two things. Either get a bond guaranteeing that the house will be finished and delivered to you free of all claims, or pay a builders' control service to supervise the job and check the builders' books. We prefer the control service. For, if anything goes wrong, we must sue the bonding agent for satisfaction, but the control service will automatically step in and finish the house."

The Prestwicks paid the usual 1½-percent fee for a control service. As the job progressed, it was inspected, and the builder was paid 20 percent at a time from the building fund, in five stages.

The experts comment. Ted's banker gave him a good borrowing rule. When dealing with a private lender, the longer and larger the loan, the more you must pay for it. Added risk adds cost.

If you wish to borrow from a private lender to buy or build a home, you should have about a third of the total cost of the property in cash or land, or a mixture of the two. Insurance companies can lend two-thirds of the appraised value for 20 years. Banks have the same limitations. Savings-and-loan firms can lend up to 75 percent, or even 80 percent of the appraisal, also for 20 years.

When you borrow from a private lender, it is best to shop for your best buy. Ask an insurance company, a bank, and a savings-and-loan firm to tell you what they are willing to lend on your home. And be sure to get an itemized list of the extra charges.

Your own bank, or savings-and-loan, will probably do its best to give you the loan you want. But the insurance company, though it may appraise conservatively, will probably offer the lowest interest rate. Some insurance companies offer very good loan rates with the provision that you buy a life-insurance policy or title-insurance policy from them. This is a perfectly safe, honest practice. You may even get a slight concession on the mortgage rates.

If you build your own home, under any financing plan, be certain either that your builder is covered by a lien-and-completion bond, or supervised by a builders' control service. Either idea is cheap and essential insurance. Occasionally, builders will foot part of the cost of these protections, but usually the homeowner pays for them. The cost is usually 1½ percent of the construction price. No matter how experienced or successful your builder is, there is no way in which he can positively guarantee to finish your home and deliver it to you free of all claims.

Case IV. The Bob Thaxtons' problem: how to sell their older house to meet requirements for new one.

Type of loan. F.H.A.-backed trade-in plan. With it, the Thaxtons got the place they wanted by swapping old for new.

Bob and Betty Thaxton knew they were up against it. Six years ago when they moved into their house, there was just enough room for their family of four. When the fifth came along, as Betty expressed it, "we were popping every seam."

The Thaxtons' old house was one of 100 in a stucco-and-redwood development across the bay from San Francisco. In 1949, they bought it for $10,500 on F.H.A. financing.

"After 6 years of paying, we had $3,000 equity in the house," says Bob Thaxton, "We figured that would make most of the stake we needed to buy a bigger house. And we had $1,600 in the bank, which we planned to use for furnishings.

"Realty values have really zoomed out here, and I heard that one house in our tract had gone for $12,000. I learned, too, that a realtor would want 5 percent of this (or $600) to sell the place. I couldn't see why we shouldn't just pocket that money."

Confident they could sell, Bob and Betty found a new, roomy Ranch-style house. Price, $17,000. This was in a development of 40 new houses, modifications of three basic designs. The builder was using F.H.A. financing, and F.H.A. approved a loan of $13,294. The Thaxtons figured that the $3,706 down payment could easily come out of their equity and profit on the old house. They filled out papers and wrote a check for $500 deposit.

The escrow on the new house would close in 90 days, at which time the rest of the down payment, about $3,200, would be due.

Though couples came and looked, in 6 weeks of advertising and showing the house, there were no takers.

A little anxious, the Thaxtons called in a realtor. "You people are in a bind, but I'll do the best I can," he said. He also said that $11,500, not $12,000 would be a fair asking price. His commission would be $575.

"It seemed to us we had lost $1,000 in an hour," says Betty,

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"but actually it was money we never should have expected."

Within 2 weeks the realtor had a buyer, but he wouldn't budge over $10,750. The realtor told the Thaxtons to sell. Betty and Bob talked over and decided to go along. But next day the realtor called. "The buyer just called," he said. "He can't raise the full $3,000 to take over your loan, just $2,000. Can you take back a second?"

The realtor explained that the buyer had to pay the Thaxtons their $3,000 to take over their mortgage. Since he had only $2,000, he would have to pay the Thaxtons the other $1,000 in periodic installments.

In exchange for the $1,000 loan, the buyer would pay 6 percent interest, and give the Thaxtons a second mortgage. This paper usually enables the lender to take over the first mortgage again if the borrower defaults in his payments on it—or on the second mortgage.

Betty and Bob went over their finances. They soon had to pay $3,200 on their new home. They'd got $2,250 in cash in the sale of their old home. But the realtor would get almost $550 of that in commission, leaving $1,700. They had left only $1,000 in the bank. So even if they stripped their savings they'd be $500 short.

"It would cost us something to move, too," said Bob. "And we have about $250 in other charges, for financing and legal costs."

That night the Thaxtons called on their builder and told him the story. "Well," he said, "there's a new F.H.A. plan that might help you out. I've been meaning to try it out anyway. This is how it works."

F.H.A., the builder explained, now backs a trade-in plan for homes, much like the trading in of an old car for a new one. You want to buy a new house. You sell your old house to the builder of the new one at F.H.A.'s appraisal and he credits the sale to your purchase.

The Thaxtons filled out new F.H.A. papers. The builder submitted them, and F.H.A. appraised the old house—at $10,250. (The appraisal takes into account the cost to the builder of refurbishing the old house for sale, much as a car dealer repairs and cleans up an old car. It also takes into account the selling commission the builder will have to pay when the old house is sold.)

The Thaxtons got $3,250 credit on their old house. They paid about $500 in escrow costs for the two houses. So they had $2,750 left. To this they added $450 from their savings to make the total down payment on the new house.

"After moving," says Bob, "we had just a little over $500 left in our savings. But at least we could move in without complications or debts. We had jumped too fast and got ourselves into an awful mess. The trade-in deal really saved our scalps. The builder took over all the risks and headaches we couldn't handle."

The experts comment. The Thaxtons got caught in a crossfire that whips thousands of families every year. A small equity in a home, added to what the owner *thinks* is a big rise in value, can be disastrously misleading.

Real estate is a study for experts. Now and then the amateur can do well, but more often the results are very sad. If you are going to sell a home, let a realtor work for you. The entire home-building industry agrees he is a vital component.

Give yourself plenty of time to sell, always. This means, generally, selling your home before you buy another. Or at least, make certain there'll be plenty of time by arranging a long escrow, or one which hinges on the sale of your old home.

Your local real-estate association can refer you to a trained, reliable realtor. And remember, at any time, you can learn the market value of your home from an appraiser for a fee of about $25.

Secondary mortgages are risky enough so that banks cannot make these loans. If a buyer hasn't cash enough, try to get him to refinance the house entirely.

F.H.A. trade-ins are generally regarded as a good idea. But they are still rare, and usually are limited to builders with a good deal of capital. You may be disappointed when you learn the F.H.A. appraisal for this deal. It will seem low. But if it is about 10 percent lower than the market price, it is fair. Remember, 5 percent of the price the builder sells it for probably goes to a realtor. And it will cost 5 percent to recondition the house.

Admittedly, the homeowner may get less money in the trade-in. This is the price he pays for avoiding risk. But since you must agree to the sale at the F.H.A. appraisal figure, it's wise to go to F.H.A. first and ask for a trade-in appraisal. This will cost $20.

Case V. Hal and Sarah Ferguson liked their place, but the house did need "working over." Cost of improvements: $2,200. The Ferguson's problem: how to remodel on a limited budget.

Type of loan. Open-end (home improvement) advance. Loan adds new amount to what Fergusons owe on their original mortgage. Monthly payments—interest rate, too—remain the same. Family just pays longer to buy their home.

Hal and Sarah Ferguson of Dallas, Texas, bought their house in 1947 on a F.H.A. loan. At the time, it was 8 years old. "Since then," Hal explained, "the family increased in size, and the house got a little ragged around the edges. There were so many things to do."

A series of leaks seemed to call for a new batch of plumbing. And, while the pipes were being replaced, Sarah wanted to replace some of the kitchen and bathroom fixtures, add a garbage-disposal unit and a stall shower.

Hal Ferguson wanted to insulate the house to take some of the bite out of summer heat and winter cold. And both the Fergusons were anxious to add more storage space, convert their carport into a garage, and paint the house inside and out.

"The trouble was," said Hal, "we lived right up to the last dollar. Our savings account is a sort of family joke."

Neighbors told Hal and Sarah about the F.H.A. Title 1 loan. F.H.A. will insure home-improvement loans for up to $3,500—and as long as 5 years and 32 days. The Fergusons called on their banker to ask if they would qualify for the loan.

Estimates on the remodeling work totaled $2,250. The Fergusons' maintenance came to some $270, leaving them an average of about $240 after income taxes for other monthly expenses.

"I'd guess," said the banker, "that F.H.A. would appraise your improvements at about $2,000. You'd then pay about $64 a month for these years. Think you can manage that?"

(F.H.A. has just increased the time for a loan such as Hal's to a little more than 5 years. The provision is that the loan must be over $600. For loans under $600, the maximum time is still 3 years. The allowable amount on such a loan has been increased, too, from $2,500 to $3,500.)

Hal was uncertain. His commissions as a car salesman varied widely from month to month. Then the banker told him about another solution, the open-end improvement advance.

Under all F.H.A. mortgages, and some other mortgages, there is provision for the homeowner to borrow any amount for improvement up to the amount of equity he has in his home. Then his mortgage is simply extended for a number of years to take care of the loan. He just keeps paying his regular house payments, but pays them a little longer.

"In a sense," said the banker, "it's a little like being set back a few years on your mortgage, and being given back some of the money you've already paid. The beauty of the plan is that you need add nothing to your monthly outlay, and you get the loan at a lower interest rate than most improvement loans.

"The danger," he continued, "is that in the long run, you can pay much more for the loan because you pay the interest for so many years. The trick with the open-end advance is to pay it off as quickly as you can. In your case, for example, you could pay off the open-end advance in 5 years if you made an extra house payment every other month."

"Doesn't that amount to the

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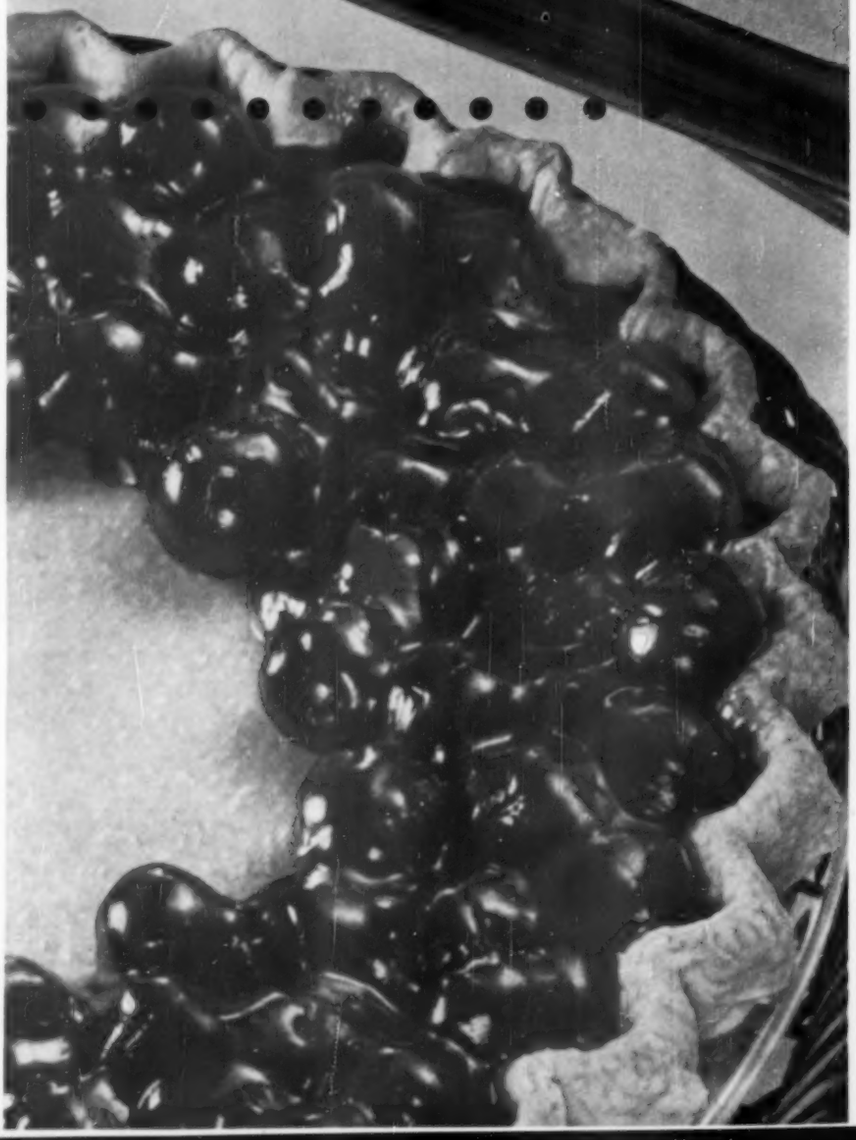

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6 QUICK 'N EASY RECIPES TO CLIP

Festive Desserts

Apricot Chiffon Tarts

6 individual tart pans, about 3" in diameter . . . 6 servings

⅔ cup Evaporated Milk, chilled icy cold
2 cups fine graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
½ cup butter, melted
1½ cups juice drained from canned apricots
1 package lemon flavored gelatine
¼ cup orange juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup finely chopped canned apricots, well drained
Apricot pieces and cherries for garnish

Chill beater and small bowl. Pour Evaporated Milk into ice cube tray. Chill until crystals form around edge. Mix cracker crumbs and confectioners' sugar. Blend in butter. Line tart pans with crumb mixture. Heat apricot juice to boiling. Dissolve lemon gelatine in juice. Add orange juice. Chill until partially set. Whip Evaporated Milk, adding lemon juice when partially whipped. Beat until peaks form. Fold into gelatine mixture. Carefully fold in apricots. Divide into tart pans. Garnish with cut apricot and cherry. Chill until set.

Cherry Whip with Almond Custard Sauce

8 servings

⅔ cup Evaporated Milk, chilled icy cold
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine
2 tablespoons cold water
1 cup juice drained from cherries
⅓ cup sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cups tart, red cherries, well drained

ALMOND CUSTARD SAUCE:
2 eggs
⅓ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup Evaporated Milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract

Chill beater and small bowl. Pour Evaporated Milk into ice cube tray. Chill until crystals form around edge. Soften gelatine in cold water. Dissolve in cherry juice heated to boiling. Add sugar. Chill until partially set. Whip Evaporated Milk, adding lemon juice when partially whipped. Continue beating until peaks form. Fold into gelatine mixture. Fold in cherries. Chill until set. *To make sauce:* Beat eggs slightly in saucepan. Mix in sugar and salt. Add Evaporated Milk and blend. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until custard coats spoon. Remove from heat. Add flavoring. Chill thoroughly.

Orange Almond Mousse

1½ quart mold . . . 10-12 servings

1 cup Evaporated Milk, chilled icy cold
1½ cups sugar
2 tablespoons grated orange rind
½ cup water
2 tablespoons unflavored gelatine
⅓ cup cold water
1½ cups orange juice
½ cup pineapple juice
⅓ cup lemon juice
½ cup well drained crushed pineapple
½ cup chopped maraschino cherries, drained
1 cup chopped blanched almonds

Chill beater and small bowl. Pour Evaporated Milk into ice cube tray and chill until crystals form around edge. Combine sugar, orange rind and ½ cup water in saucepan. Bring to boil. Boil 1 minute. Soften gelatine in ⅓ cup water. Dissolve in boiling sugar mixture. Add orange juice, pineapple juice. Chill until partially set. Whip Evaporated Milk, add lemon juice when partially whipped. Continue beating until peaks form. Fold into gelatine mixture. Fold in pineapple, cherries, nuts. Pour into lightly oiled mold. Chill until set.

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One Dish Meals

Salmon Rice Loaf

Loaf pan, 9¾x5¼x2¾ inches . . . 8 servings . . . 375° F. preheated oven 40 minutes

SALMON LAYER:
1 1-pound can salmon
2 cups fresh bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons chopped onion
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ cup Evaporated Milk
1 egg, beaten

RICE LAYER:
3 cups cooked rice
¼ cup chopped parsley
2 tablespoons melted butter
2 eggs, beaten
⅔ cup Evaporated Milk

Salmon Layer: Drain salmon. Remove skin and bone. Flake with fork. Combine with bread crumbs, salt, chopped onion, butter, lemon juice. Mix well. Add Evaporated Milk and beaten egg combined. Line bottom of loaf pan with buttered waxed paper. Pour into pan. *Rice Layer:* Combine all ingredients, blending well. Spread over salmon layer. Place loaf pan in larger pan of warm water. Bake 40 minutes. Serve with Mushroom Sauce (Cream of mushroom soup combined with Evaporated Milk).

Chicken Pie with Biscuit Topping

1½ qt. baking dish . . . 6 servings . . . 425° F. preheated oven 15-20 minutes

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 chicken bouillon cube dissolved in ⅔ cup water
1 cup Evaporated Milk
1½ teaspoons soy sauce
2 cups chopped cooked or canned chicken
6 slices bacon, fried crisp and crumbled

BISCUIT TOPPING:
2 cups prepared biscuit mix
⅓ cup Evaporated Milk
⅓ cup water
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
½ cup chopped stuffed olives
Melted butter

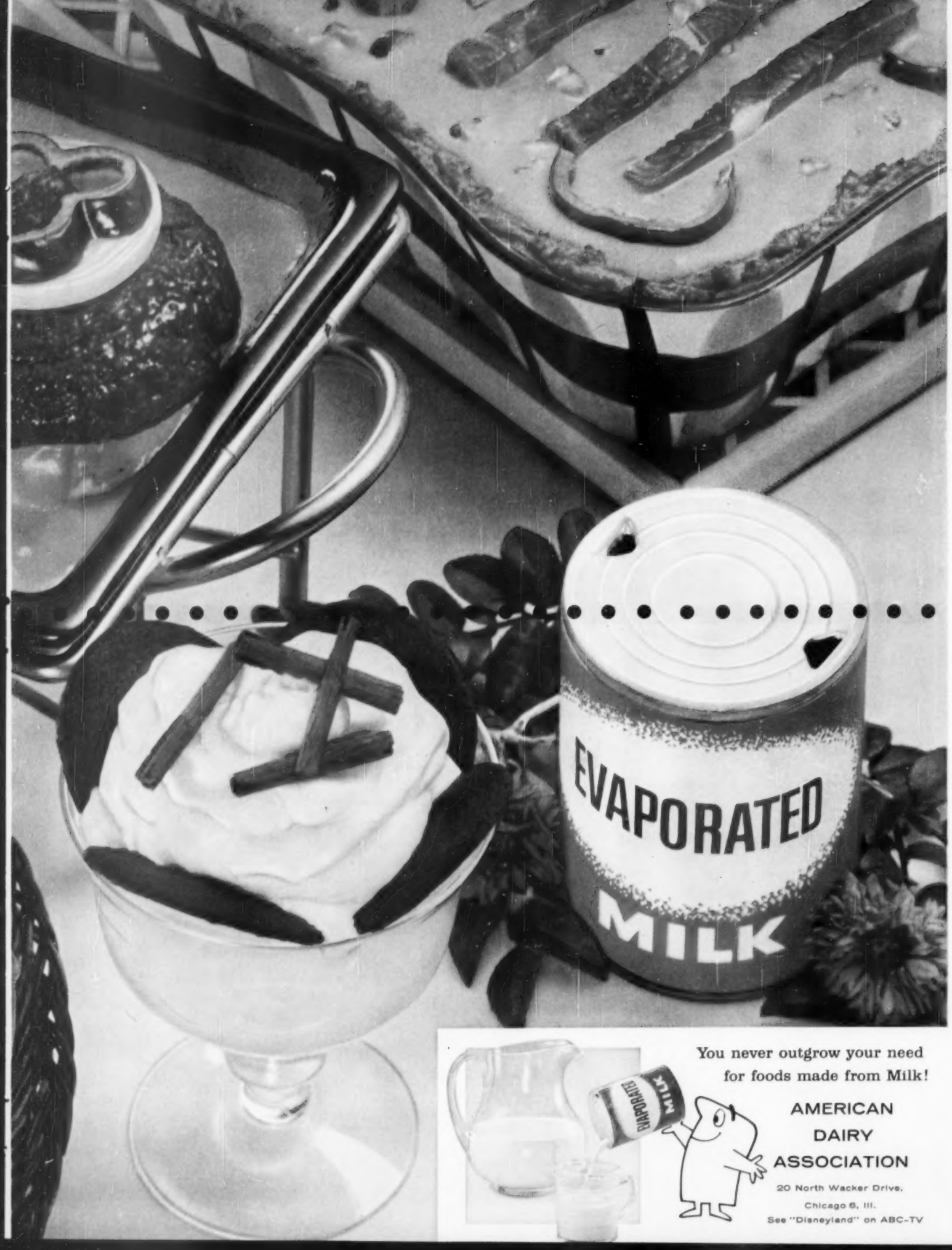
Sauté onion, celery, green pepper in melted butter. Blend in flour, seasonings. Mix in bouillon and Evaporated Milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring until sauce is thick. Add soy sauce, chicken, bacon. Pour into lightly buttered baking dish. For topping, combine biscuit mix, Evaporated Milk, water. Mix lightly. Roll into rectangle 8" by 12". Mix Cheddar cheese and olives. Spread over biscuit dough. Roll like jelly roll. Form into round. Place in middle of casserole. Snip partially through with scissors every 1½ inches. Brush top with melted butter. Bake 15-20 minutes.

Escalloped Oysters

1½ qt. baking dish . . . 6 servings . . . 375° F. preheated oven 40 minutes

¼ cup butter
2 tablespoons chopped celery
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
⅓ cup flour
¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 cup Evaporated Milk
1 cup tomato juice
⅛ teaspoon sugar
2½ cups soda or cheese cracker crumbs
1 pint raw oysters
1½ tablespoons butter

Sauté celery, onion and green pepper in ⅓ cup melted butter. Blend in flour, salt, pepper. Add Evaporated Milk and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Very slowly stir in tomato juice and sugar. Line bottom of buttered baking dish with ½ of crumbs. Top with half of oysters, half of tomato sauce. Repeat layers ending with crumbs. Dot top with butter. Bake 40 minutes.



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Cheeseburgers De Luxe

6 servings

CHEESE SAUCE:
2 tablespoons butter
⅓ cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup Evaporated Milk
⅓ cup water
⅙ cup chili sauce
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon dry mustard
2 cups cubed sharp Cheddar cheese

1 pound ground beef
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
6 slices onion
6 green pepper rings
3 hamburger buns
Butter
Chili sauce

Melt butter in saucepan. Sauté celery until tender. Add flour. Mix well, blend in Evaporated Milk, water, chili sauce, Worcestershire sauce, dry mustard. Cook, stirring until smooth and thick. Add cheese. Stir until melted. Combine ground beef, salt, pepper, monosodium glutamate. Form 6 patties. Broil on aluminum foil until browned. Turn patties. Top with onion slice and green pepper ring. Broil slightly. On each toasted, buttered bun half, place cheese sauce, hamburger patty. Top with teaspoonful chili sauce.

Ham in Corn Bread Crust

9 x 13 inch baking dish . . . 8 servings . . . 375° F. preheated oven 20-25 minutes

1 cup yellow corn meal
1⅔ cups water
1 teaspoon salt
1 tall can (1⅓ cups) Evaporated Milk
¼ cup butter
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion

¼ cup flour
1 chicken bouillon cube dissolved in 1 cup hot water
1 cup Evaporated Milk
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 cups chopped baked or boiled ham
1½ cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Combine corn meal, water, salt in sauce pan. Cook, stirring until mixture boils. Add Evaporated Milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Butter baking dish. Spread mush over bottom and sides. Bake in 375 degree preheated oven 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven. Prepare filling. Melt butter. Sauté celery, green pepper, onion. Add flour. Mix well. Blend in bouillon, Evaporated Milk and Worcestershire sauce. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until sauce thickens. Add ham and 1 cup cheese. Stir until cheese melts. Pour into crust. Top with remaining cheese. Broil until browned.

Cream of Potato Soup with Sausage

6-8 servings

2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup chopped onion
3 cups diced raw potatoes
3½ cups water
1 teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tall can (1⅓ cups) Evaporated Milk
½ pound pork sausage links, browned

Melt butter in large saucepan. Sauté chopped onion until transparent. Add diced potatoes and water, then salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce. Cook over medium heat until potatoes are tender. Add Evaporated Milk and heat thoroughly but do not boil. In skillet, cook sausage links until brown and thoroughly done. Drain well. Cut each link in fourths. Add to soup mixture. Top each serving with paprika or chopped parsley if desired. This soup is hearty enough for a main dish.

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Festive Desserts

Lemon Fluff

8-inch square pan . . . 9 servings

1 cup Evaporated Milk, whipped
1 envelope plain gelatine
¼ cup cold water
3 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt

⅓ cup Evaporated Milk
⅓ cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla
⅓ cup lemon juice
2 tablespoons lemon rind
Semi-sweet chocolate, shaved

Chill bowl and beater. Chill 1 cup Evaporated Milk in ice cube tray until crystals form around edge. Soften gelatine in ¼ cup cold water. Mix egg yolks, sugar, salt, ⅔ cup Evaporated Milk, and the ⅓ cup water in saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add gelatine and stir until dissolved. Add vanilla. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Chill until partially set. Whip chilled Evaporated Milk. Add lemon juice as it thickens. Continue beating until it peaks. Fold into gelatine mixture with lemon rind. Spoon into sherbet dishes. Chill until firm. Garnish with chocolate cooky wafers and shaved chocolate curls.

Cherry Glazed Cheese Cake Pie

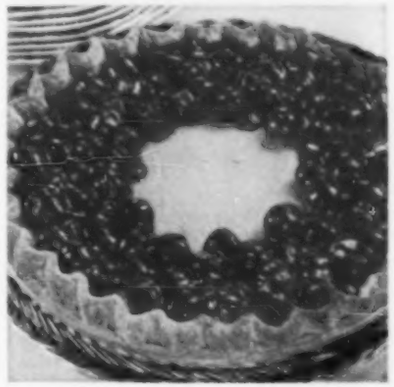
8-inch pie plate . . . 6 servings . . . 425° F. preheated oven, 10 minutes
350° F. oven, 20-25 minutes

1 cup creamed cottage cheese
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
2 eggs
1 cup Evaporated Milk
¼ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 8-inch unbaked pastry shell
Cherry Glaze

Sieve cottage cheese. Beat until creamy. Gradually add sugar, then flour. Beat until well mixed. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Gradually add milk, salt, vanilla, lemon juice, rind. Mix well. Pour into unbaked pastry shell. Bake in 425° F. preheated oven 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°. Continue baking 20 to 25 minutes longer until filling is set. Cool half an hour. Spread Cherry Glaze over top.

CHERRY GLAZE: Combine ¾ cup cherry juice and 2 teaspoons cornstarch. Cook until thick and clear. Remove from heat. Add few drops red coloring. Cool. Arrange 1 cup sweetened canned or frozen red cherries on top of pie. Pour glaze over cherries. Cool.



Banana Cupcakes

24 medium sized cupcakes . . . 350° F. preheated oven, 25 minutes

1 cup mashed bananas (about 2½-3 medium sized bananas)
½ cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1¾ cups sifted flour

1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons cider vinegar or lemon juice
⅔ cup Evaporated Milk
½ cup chopped nuts

Cream butter. Add sugar gradually. Cream until mixture is fluffy. Add egg. Mix well. Sift flour with soda and salt. Stir vinegar into Evaporated Milk. Add milk mixture and dry ingredients alternately to egg mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Mix in banana and nuts. Spoon batter into buttered muffin cups, filling about half full. Bake 25 minutes. Remove from pans to cooling rack. Frost.

BROWN BUTTER FROSTING: Melt ¼ cup butter and keep over heat until deep golden brown. Remove from heat. Stir in ⅔ cup confectioners' sugar. Add 2½ tablespoons Evaporated Milk and 1 cup confectioners' sugar. Beat until smooth.

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Now in go maraschino-cherry bits with syrup and chopped walnuts; beat just to mix. Grease the bottom of your cake pan—leave sides ungreased so cake can cling as it rises in the oven. (Easy way to chop cherries—snip 'em with your kitchen scissors.)

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Chocolate-Cherry Cake

½ cup shortening, butter, or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1½ cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon soda
¾ teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
¼ cup chopped maraschino cherries
2 tablespoons maraschino-cherry syrup
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Stir shortening to soften. Gradually add sugar, creaming till light and fluffy. Add egg, beat well; stir in chocolate.

Sift together dry ingredients; then add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, a little at a time, beating smooth after each addition. Add cherries, syrup, and nuts.

Grease bottom of 8x8x2-inch glass ovenware cake dish*; pour in batter. Bake in slow oven (325°) 50 to 55 minutes, or till done. Cool. Frost in pan, if desired.

*Or use square metal pan and bake in moderate oven (350°) about 40 minutes.

No-cook Fudge Frosting—mix it in a pan!

Melt two 1-ounce squares chocolate over hot water; cool. In small saucepan, thoroughly combine 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar, 3 tablespoons milk, 1 egg, and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Stir in chocolate. Add 3 tablespoons *soft* (not melted) butter or margarine, one at a time, beating well by hand after each addition.

Chill 10 minutes in refrigerator. Then place pan in bowl of ice water. (Why the pan? It gives you a handle to hold while beating. And metal speeds transfer of cold from ice to frosting.)

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2 teasps. sugar ¼ teasp. dry mustard

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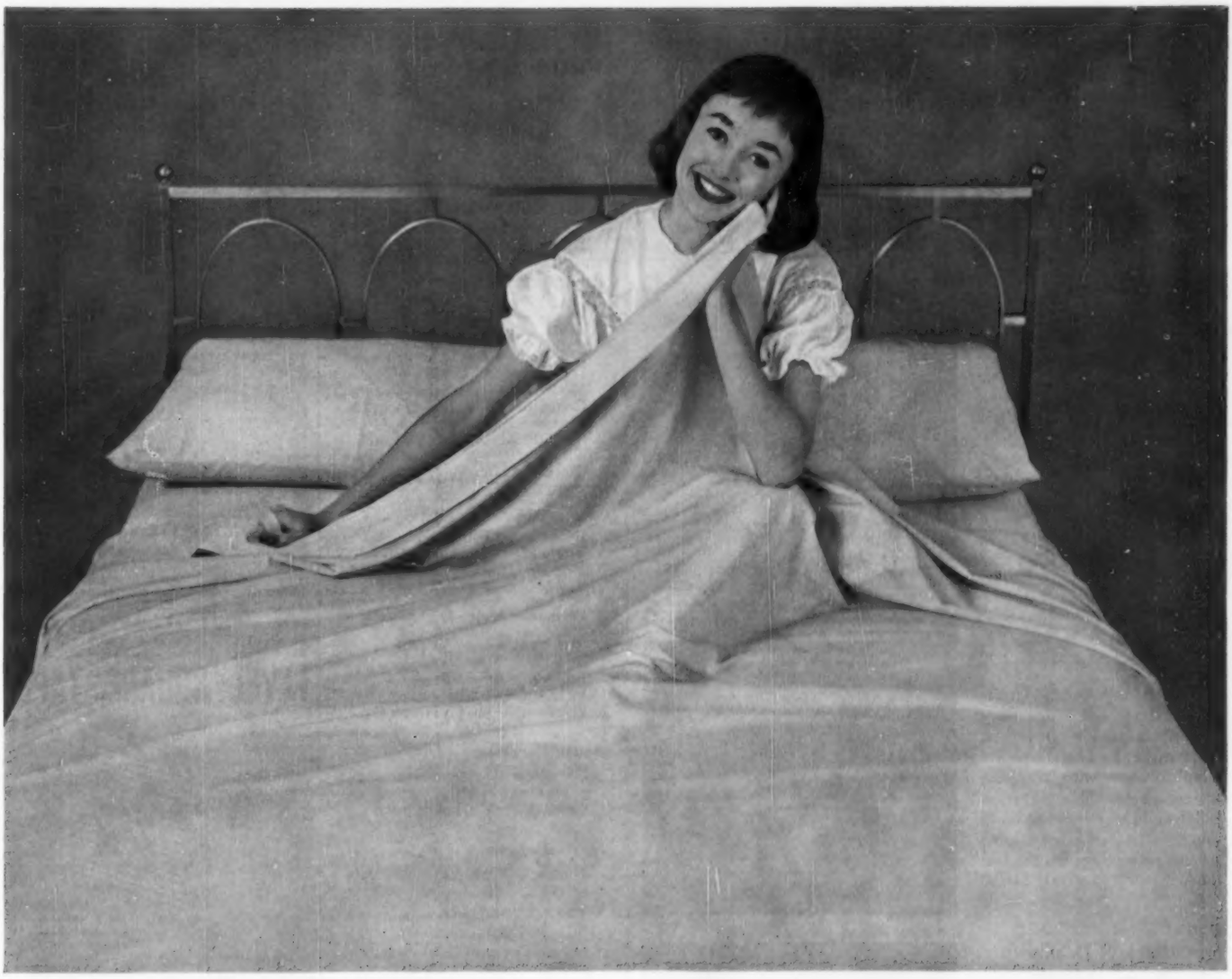

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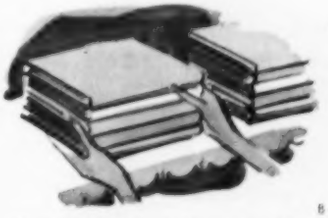

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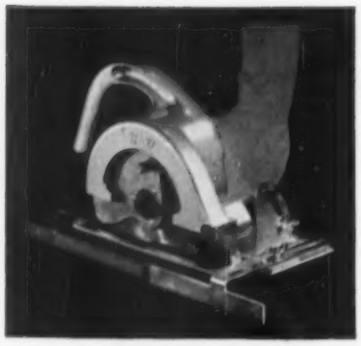

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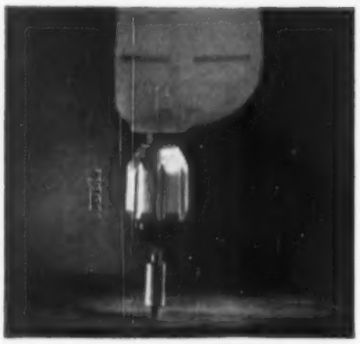

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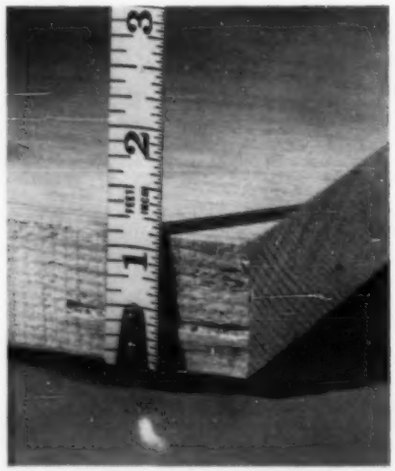
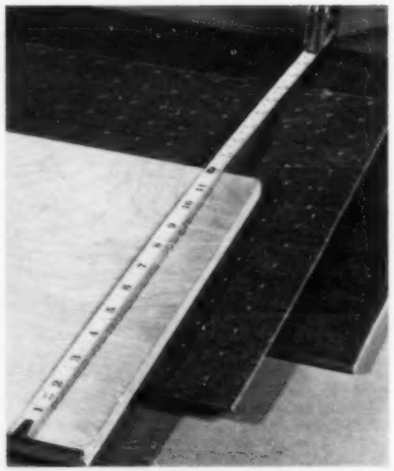


Thickness of some lumber is termed "four-quarter" (4/4″); "five-quarter" (5/4″), and "six-quarter" (6/4″). This five-quarter stock actually measures 1⅛ inch thick; it can vary a fraction of an inch either way.

Like sizes, the cost of lumber is also determined by the grade. The better the grade, the more it costs. Boards and finish lumber are graded by defects—knots, decay, et cetera.



Plywood, hardboard, and other "sheet" materials are sold by the square foot. Standard size is 4x8-foot sheets (32 square feet) in variety of thicknesses. Half-sheets (4x4 feet) and odd sizes are often available at dealers.

Dimension stock is graded on strength in two groups: Common dimension, used for framing, and structural dimension, which is used for jobs where utmost strength is needed.

Moldings (usually made of pine) and dowels (usually made of birch) are sold by the running or lineal foot. Shingles are sold by the "square"—enough in each square to cover 100 square feet of surface.

Lath sells by the thousand; it's put up in bundles of 50. Most lumberyards stock a large variety of moldings.

For many jobs, you can buy pattern lumber with special edge joints and shapes.

Some of this material includes (from the top down) tongue-and-groove flooring; drop siding; beveled siding (often called "garage siding"); and shiplap with lapped edges for tighter joints. Pattern lumber is machined from common boards and finish lumber.

Know the lumber you buy

THE NEXT TIME you visit your lumberyard, save time and money by remembering these points:

1. Determine the amount of material you need. You can figure this in feet and inches and then transfer this measurement into board feet as formulated below.

2. Determine the grade of lumber you need. Don't buy "B and Better" stock if No. 1 or No. 2 will do.

3 Determine the type stock you need. If in doubt on this point, tell your dealer what you want it for—he will help you solve the problem at less cost.

How lumber is priced and sized

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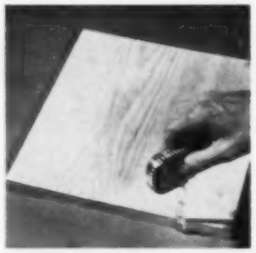

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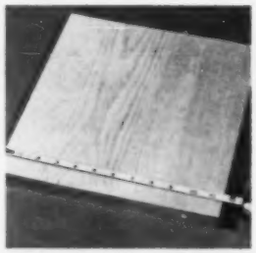

Width in inches

Length in feet

Lumber is sold by the board foot. A 1x12-inch board one foot long (nominal) contains one board foot, as shown above.

Softwoods—like pine—are usually sold in multiples of 2 feet (6 to 20 feet); hardwoods—like oak—are usually sold in odd and even foot lengths (6 to 20 feet). Finish stock (less than 2 inches thick) is generally sold in multiples of 2 feet from 6 to 18 feet. To figure board feet, in nearly every case, remember this equation . . .

THICKNESS X WIDTH (in inches) X LENGTH (in feet) DIVIDED X 12 EQUALS NUMBER OF BOARD FEET

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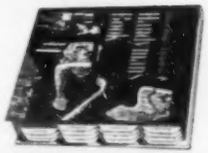
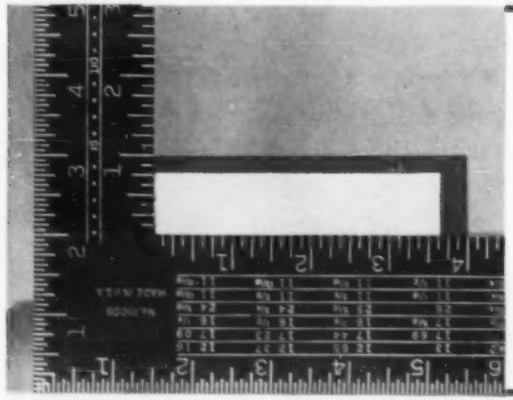


Due to the drying and milling of lumber, the actual size of a 1x4, for example, is not 1 inch thick by 4 inches wide, although it's figured and you are charged that way by your lumber dealer.

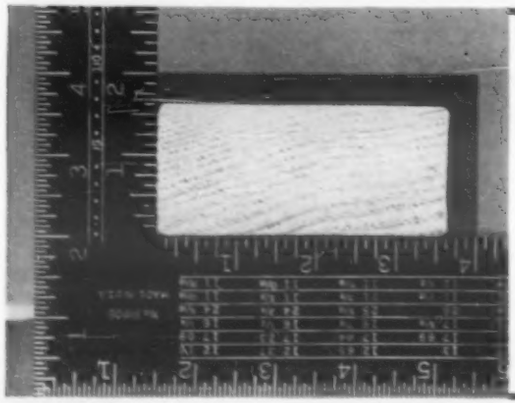
The actual size of a piece of 1x4 is approximately 25/32 or ¾ inches thick by 3⅝ inches wide. The ¾-inch thickness has now been adopted as "standard."

If you want a board 1 inch thick, you'll have to specify it. Here, your dealer will probably sell you a board 1½ or 1¼ inch thick and dress it down for you. You can also buy rough lumber—lumber that hasn't been or is only partly milled (surfaced).



Nominal size (inches)	Actual size (inches)
1x2	25/32x1⅝
1x3	25/32x2⅝
1x4	25/32x3⅝
1x5	25/32x4⅝
1x6	25/32x5⅝
1x8	25/32x7½
1x10	25/32x9½
1x12	25/32x11½

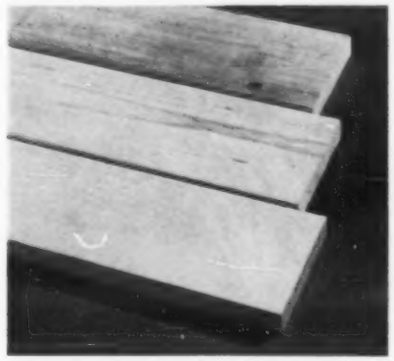
Shrinkage of a 1x4 after drying and milling. Lumber that is less than 2 inches in thickness (nominal size) is called common boards. (Charts at right show nominal and actual size)

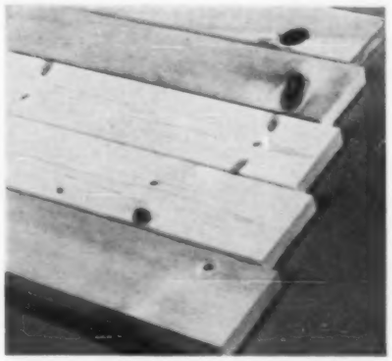


Nominal size (inches)	Actual size (inches)
2x2	1⅝x1⅝
2x3	1⅝x2⅝
2x4	1⅝x3⅝
2x6-1	1⅝x5⅝
2x8	1⅝x7½
2x10	1⅝x9½
2x12	1⅝x11½

Shrinkage of a 2x4 after drying and milling. Lumber that is 2 inches and thicker is called dimension lumber. If it is 5 inches or more thick and wide, it's referred to as "timber"

Size, grade, and grain direction affect cost



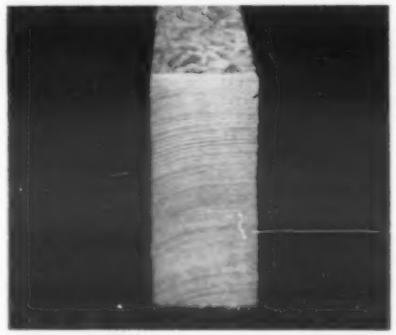


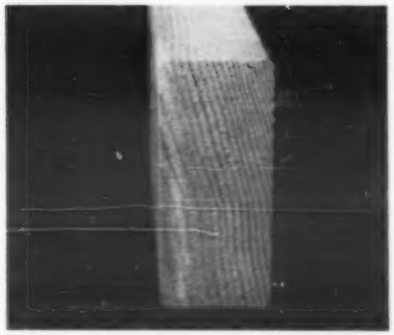
LUMBER grading methods vary; but it usually follows system above. Grades go by numbers, names, or letters: No. 1 (construction); No. 2 (standard); No. 3 (utility); No. 4 (economy), and so on. The system goes like this . . .

Highest quality boards: 1 and 2 clear or B and Better. Boards (from bottom, left) are 1 and 2 clear (few small imperfections); C Select (limited imperfections), and D Select (imperfections that can be covered with a coat of paint).

Other grades (right, from bottom) No. 1 (tight knots, limited defects); No. 2 (larger, coarser defects); No. 3 (knots, pitch, checking); No. 4 (big knots, pitch, and so on); No. 5 (knotholes, loose knots, and so on). Common dimension stock includes all widths. No. 1 has tight knots, pitch pockets; No. 2 large knots; No. 3 large knots, knotholes.

Structural dimension lumber is 4 or more inches wide. Select structural is strongest; common structural has some defects.





THE WAY the wood grain runs is another factor in lumber grading. Lumber that is cross-grained (left) is weaker than straight-grained stock. Lumber with large cell openings such as oak is termed open-grained stock; that with small cell openings, like maple, is close-grained stock

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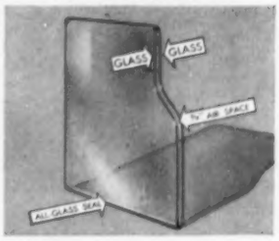

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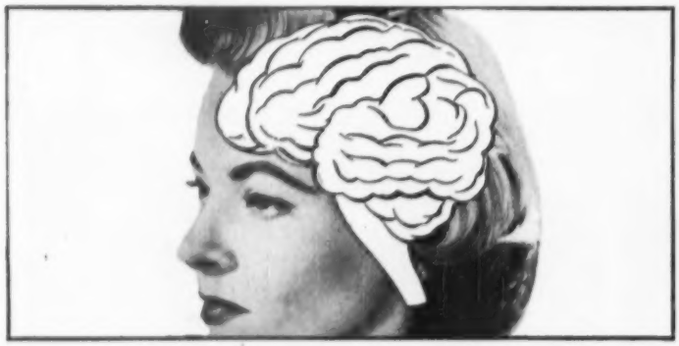

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Scoot dishes across counter from dining side; load dishwasher on kitchen side—it saves so many trips.

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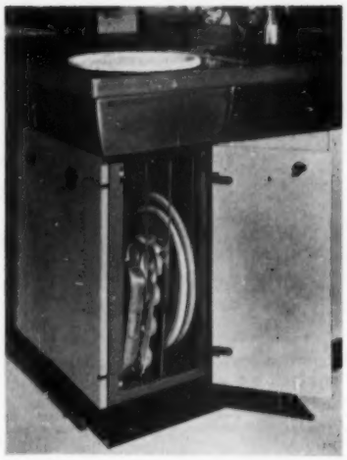
Storage wall—only a few steps away—holds clean dishes (see plan, page 59).



Valuable corner of peninsula opens for tray storage. Wire-frame divider lets you file away trays, muffin and baking pans, and cooky sheets.

Selection is simple—no lifting or tugging to remove item you need. Remember to include handy storage in your kitchen—takes 9 or 12 inches.

For quick snacks an electric table broiler and rotisserie can be used at barbecue center, too. Appliance parks on drop-down counter top over grill. Ventilator and hood trap smoke, grease. Electric rotisserie stores in cabinet at left

to enjoy all year

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Refrigerator — one of the mainstays of the baking center — opens on counter side, so there's a landing spot for items being taken out. This gas refrigerator defrosts automatically, makes half circles of ice without trays. Allow 6 to 12 inches space above refrigerator for proper air circulation

Planned down to last detail. This compact, assembly-line mixing center is a joy to use. Plenty of cabinets, too.

Step to right for milk, eggs; step to left to put cake in oven. Chrome mixer sits on pull-up platform; flour bin/sifter slides out for use.

Door lifts off easily on this de luxe coppertone gas oven, makes that cleaning job a cinch. No stretching for normally hard-to-reach corners.

Oven is built into cabinet at convenient, no-stoop height. Roll-out broiler is below.

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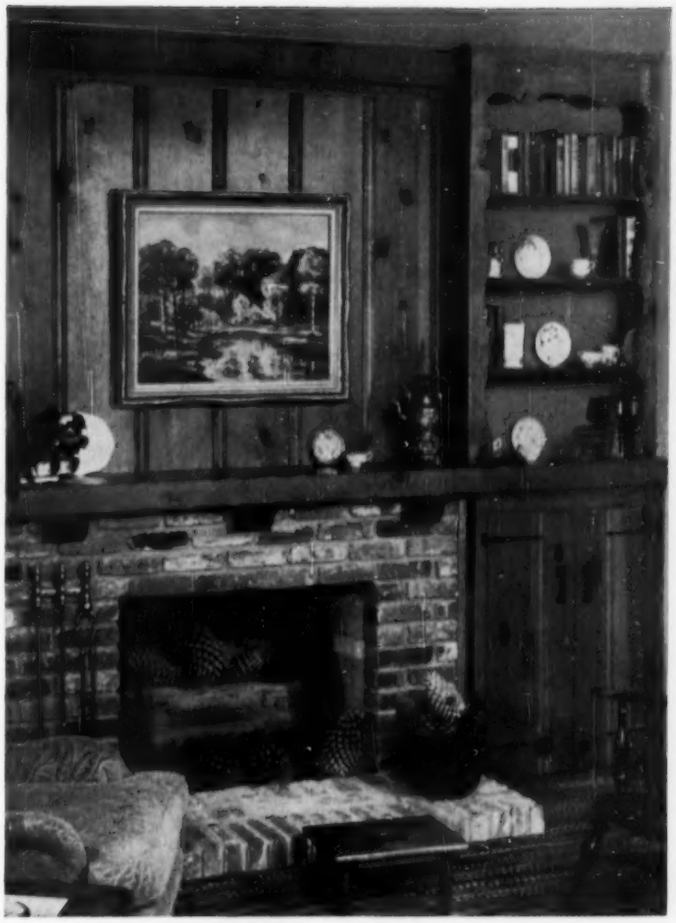

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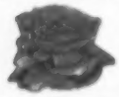

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A "greenhouse" kitchen

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Wonder helper, combination washer-dryer, takes over laundry jobs, is only 36 inches. Any woman would appreciate all the adjoining work surfaces for folding: top of combination, cabinets at left, "counter," and eating table at right

Dual-use cabinet has two drawers for place mats, napkins; holds array of laundry supplies on bottom shelf. After laundering, linens are close to storage, then handy for setting table

Portable ironer rolls out from cabinet near washer-dryer. Sets up anywhere. In use, ironer is 33 inches wide, 35 high. Finished? It folds into unit 16 inches wide and 30 high

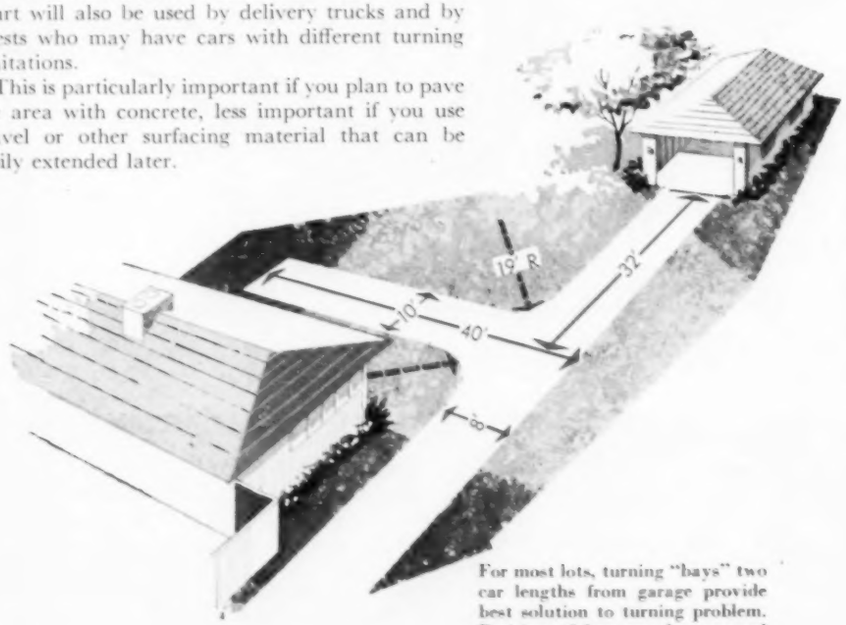
There's storage galore under this "green thumb" planter. Wall cabinets 18 inches high were turned ups-a-daisy so they would pull open from top. Charcoal, paper cups and plates, picnic supplies, garden tools, games find a home. Planter matches copper drawer fronts

Turnarounds—how much space do you need for turning?

TO PLAN a turn court, first measure distances between garage, house, and lot lines. After planning on paper, stake out the pattern and try it in the car.

You may be able to make the turns in less space than allowed here, but remember that the turn court will also be used by delivery trucks and by guests who may have cars with different turning limitations.

This is particularly important if you plan to pave the area with concrete, less important if you use gravel or other surfacing material that can be easily extended later.



For most lots, turning "bays" two car lengths from garage provide best solution to turning problem. Position of bay can be reversed from left to right to match lot

Add convenience and safety to DRIVEWAYS

THE RIBBONS of gravel and concrete that we call driveways are dominating features of the home landscape. Because of their permanence, we too often accept them as they are and learn to live with their faults and limitations.

Yet, there are many ways we can increase their convenience and safety—by planting with visibility in mind, by providing landing space, and by adding turn courts, for example. Give your driveway a systematic check, and you'll soon find out if it is as up to date as your car. Then turn the page to find the appropriate how-to if you need to modernize your drive and turnaround.

Answers to these questions will help you evaluate driveway

- Is your drive at least 8 feet wide? If not, some delivery trucks will have trouble negotiating it.
- Do low-hanging tree limbs brush against the top of the car after a rain or block your vision of the street, when you drive out?
- Is your driveway level where you back and turn?
- Is the driveway far enough from the house to allow you to add a landing area or pass court? In most cases, you'll need 8 feet between drive and house to get these extras.
- Do you need a turn court? You may, if you must back out under these conditions: more than 50 feet, around a curve, or into a major thoroughfare.
- Is driveway level 10 feet in front of garage?

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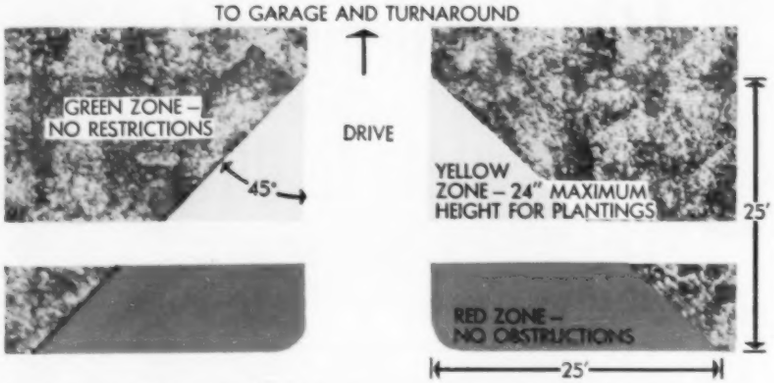
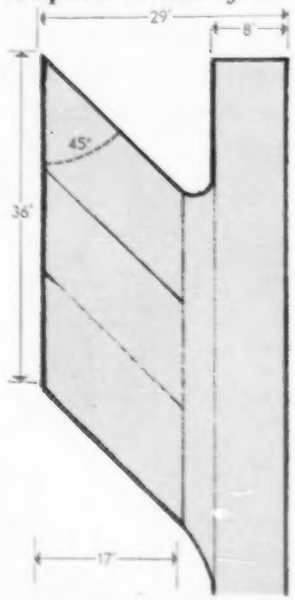
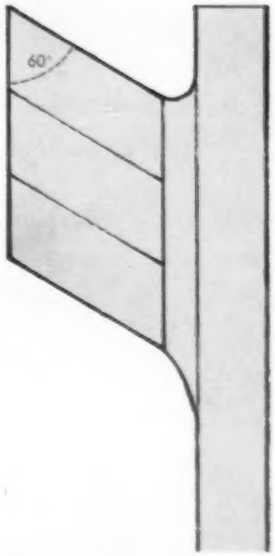


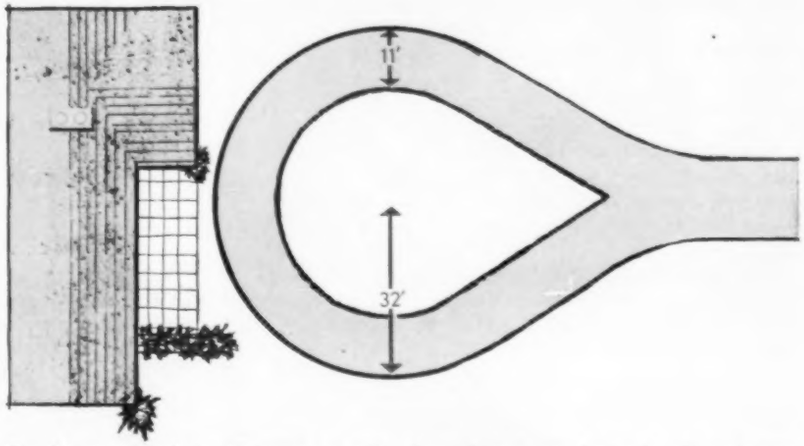
Greatest source of danger is where driveway joins the street. Safety depends on a clear view of street as well as on a careful driver. Now that cars are being built lower, it is increasingly important to keep plantings low near the street. No hedges, solid fences, or other continuous features that block the view should be placed in either zone — the danger is too great. Drive should meet the street at an angle as close to 90 degrees as possible

Use space to side of drive for extra parking





Off-street parking is highly desirable if you entertain often or live on a busy street. Best place to get extra parking is off the turnaround area. If this is impossible, try solutions that are shown here. Both of these patterns give each car a little over 8 feet of space, so doors can open freely. If your drive is more than 8 feet wide, you can reduce the ribbon for maneuvering accordingly. Use edgings or wheel guards to prevent damage to the lawn

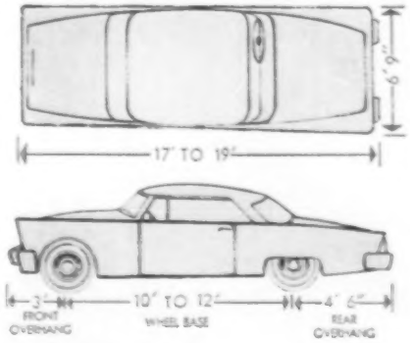


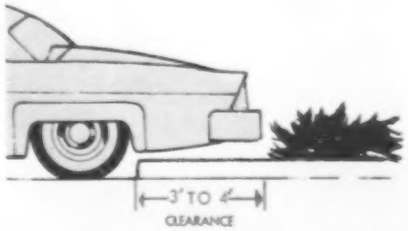
Circular turnarounds are pleasant to use and good to look at. But they take a lot of space. Don't consider them unless you can take at least 60 feet out of your lot. The minimum width for a curved drive is 11 feet, compared to an 8-foot minimum for a straight one

Plan your driveway for tomorrow's car

When you plan a driveway or parking area, you should provide space for the largest car which is likely to use the facilities. This means cars your guests will use, as well as your next car and the one after that. Driveways, like highways, outlive the cars they are designed to serve.

The dimensions of the theoretical car shown here are a composite of current models. The diagrams for parking areas and turn courts are based on the limitations of this theoretical car. The turning arcs and clearances are great enough to provide easy driving for any cars now being built, and for most delivery vehicles.





A curb around the parking area is advisable because modern cars have long overhangs. The least bit of trespassing may damage valuable shrubs, trees, and lawn. A minimum clearance of 3 feet is necessary, 4 feet is better

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How to borrow?

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same thing as any other improvement loan?" Hal asked.

"No," said the banker. "Your interest rate is lower, for one thing. For another, if things are tight for a while you can simply stop prepaying. You don't lose any credit. You're not *required* to pay anything more than your regular house payments. It's just that the more extra payments you can make, the cheaper your open-end loan will be. If you could pay off yours in 5 years, you'd save some $250 in carrying charges over an ordinary F.H.A. improvement loan. But it's entirely up to you. You pay what you can when you can."

The Fergusons decided to take the open-end advance. A search showed no open-end provision in their F.H.A. mortgage, so they paid a $10 fee to get one. Since then, they have tried to pay extra installments on their home as often as they could. Last fall, when Hal's commissions on car sales dropped off badly, they made no extra payments. "I hate to think how it would have been," he says, "if we'd been tied to that extra payment a month for a regular loan."

The experts comment. Used wisely, the open-end mortgage is probably the best home-improvement financing available. How is it used wisely? Most experts agree that it is best used to make permanent improvements in the home itself, not to buy washing machines or furniture. These things lose value too fast. Your home investment, probably your biggest, should be guarded carefully. Fast-depreciating items bought through your home mortgage weaken it.

The F.H.A. Title 1 loan for home improvement has recently been made more attractive. The regular rate is $5 for every $100, per year. Now, for loans of more than $2,500, interest of only $4 for every $100 is charged on that part of the loan in excess of $2,500.

F.H.A. and V.A. mortgages cannot be extended for any but permanent improvements that add to the value of the home. These mortgages cannot be extended for loans above the equity you have in your home. These are good rules.

It is wisest to borrow on the open-end with the intention of paying it off within a few years. Interest charges become too high if you don't. But if your home desperately needs repairs or improvements, and you can't afford the high monthly payments of the usual short-term improvement loan, the open-end plan is still worthwhile.

Legally, almost any mortgage can be extended. For extensions of V.A. financing, however, you will need to have part of your entitlement left. Whether your mortgage will be extended or not depends on the decision of the firm which made the original mortgage loan, in many cases. For this reason, it is wise to make certain that permission for the open-end advance is written into your original contract.

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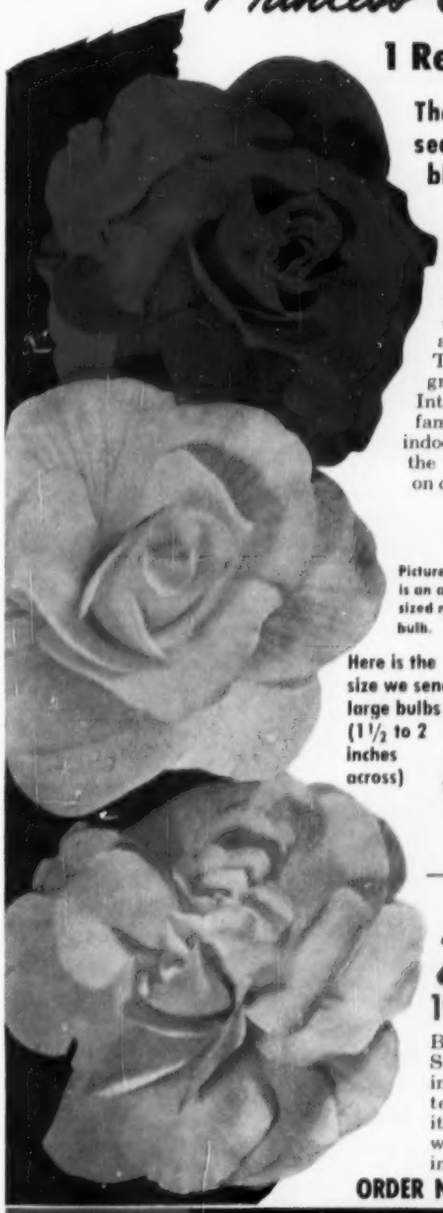

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Here, you're looking across front exterior of original house. Old siding is newly surfaced with beveled red-cedar paneling. Former front entrance is simply an opening into old house that's entirely given over to sleeping space, two bathrooms, and a utility area

BEFORE. Small living room of old house limited space and activities of parents and four fast-growing children.

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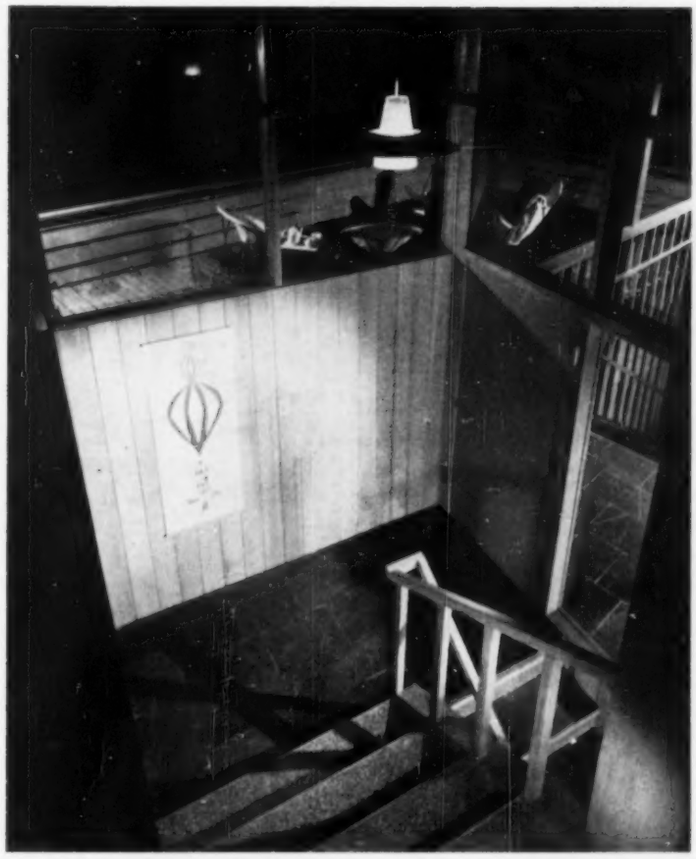
AFTER . . . a master bedroom for the Martins. Wardrobe closets, with sliding louvered doors, were added back to back here and in another bedroom. Corridor beyond takes you to laundry alcove, centrally and sensibly located between bedrooms and two baths



Red cedar is introduced at entrance, midway between levels, by vertical paneling of wall and beveled siding of deck rail. Slate landing is coupled with cork-tile steps. Then, from everywhere, the entrance—that sets theme of house—is overwhelmed with light

BEFORE. Boy's bedroom underwent the fewest changes in transformation from an old to a "new" house.

Door obstructed use of far wall for storage or for furniture.

AFTER. Room's no bigger, just seems so. Awkward alcove was put to use as closet wall. Relocating door to hall made it possible. Paneled door has insets of perforated hardboard and blackboard. Room is more useful now that space allows both desk and sofa bed

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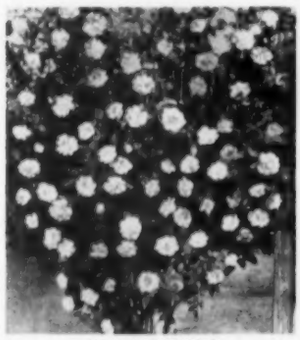

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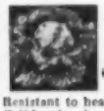

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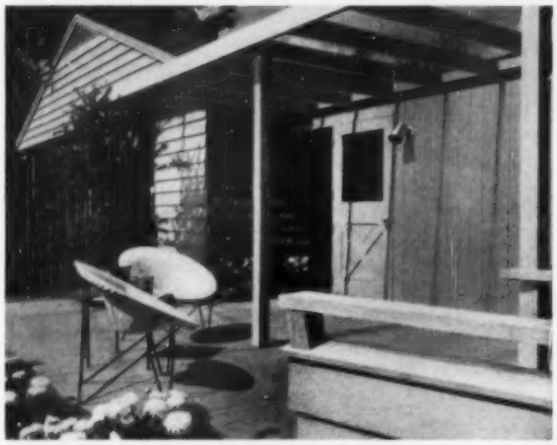

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1 large tomato
½ small onion, chopped fine
1 tablespoon wine vinegar
Salt and pepper

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Remove tops and seeds from peppers. Cut the peppers in quarters lengthwise and cook in simmering water 8 to 10 minutes or till tender. Drain, cool, and peel. Cut cheese in four ¼-inch slices and sandwich each between green-pepper pieces. Beat egg whites till frothy; add water and salt; beat till stiff but not dry. Add flour and pepper to yolks; beat till thick and lemon-colored; fold into whites. Pour 4 mounds (½ cup each) on a hot, greased griddle or skillet. Brown lightly on the bottom, then gently top each with cheese-stuffed pepper. Divide remaining egg mixture over peppers, making sure the peppers are covered. Continue cooking till the underside is nicely browned. Turn carefully and cook till second side is browned. Serve at once with Tomato Sauce. Makes 4 servings. **Tomato Sauce:** Cook ⅓ cup chopped onion and 1 clove garlic, minced, in 1 tablespoon hot salad oil till tender but not brown. Add one 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce, ¾ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon chili powder, ½ teaspoon oregano, and dash pepper. Simmer 5 minutes. Makes 1 cup.

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Buy boned, rolled, ready-to-eat ham (the amount depends on the crowd). For easy scoring: First cover ham with cold water and let stand 20 minutes to make cellulose casing pliable. With a sharp knife, cut through casing at 2-inch intervals (or 1-inch intervals for small piece of ham), circling the ham each time. Then peel off every second strip. Center ham lengthwise on spit; adjust in rotisserie. Broil meat till heated through and nicely browned—about 10 minutes per pound. The last 30 minutes of broiling, remove remaining strips of cellulose casing; insert whole cloves in cuts, and brush ham occasionally with **Honey Glaze:** Combine ½ cup honey, 1 cup of brown sugar, and ½ cup orange juice.

Corned Beef

Place corned-beef brisket in deep kettle; cover with water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat, cover tightly and *simmer* till tender, about 1 hour per pound. Remove from kettle. Serve hot or cold. Makes about 3 servings per pound.

Triple Chihuahuas

24 frankfurters
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
Sharp process American cheese

Slit just 8 of the franks lengthwise, not quite through. Spread cut surfaces with mustard and insert strip of cheese in each slit. For each serving, place 2 plain franks side by side; top with a filled one, cheese side up. Wrap strip of bacon around each bundle; fasten ends with toothpick. Bake, cheese side up, in hot oven (425°) 15 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Hot Potato Salad

10 medium potatoes (about 3½ pounds)
¾ cup finely chopped onion
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon celery seed
Dash pepper
• • •
6 slices bacon, chopped
⅓ to ½ cup salad vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons water
1 beaten egg
• • •
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced

Cook potatoes in jackets in boiling, salted water just till done; drain. Cool slightly; peel; dice. Add onion, salt, celery seed, and pepper; toss lightly. Cook bacon till crisp; remove from skillet. To bacon drippings, add vinegar, sugar, and water. Heat to simmering; gradually add to beaten egg, beating constantly. Pour over hot potato mixture; add bacon; toss lightly. Garnish with egg slices and parsley. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Broiled Grapefruit

Select large, well-shaped grapefruit. Cut in half. Cut around each section and remove center. Sprinkle 3 or 4 drops aromatic bitters over each half. Broil until edge of grapefruit turns a delicate brown. Serve at once.

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Two children's rooms open into one to become a large play area. Each room has own door from hall, complete closet across end wall. Windows are high here at front of house. Rooms are furnished companionably in Mexican rugs, small chests, low beds, and glass-fiber draperies

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Brick fireplace brings texture of exterior material inside. Brick continues across living-room wall and forms divider to formalize entry hall. Glass bordering entrance door floods hall with light, gives view of callers even from living room. Closet for guests' wraps is at far right

It's a room reserved for parents and guests, located where it can be kept that way. And in the 1957 concept, the living room has its own outdoor area with an easy private access to it.

Family area that merges parents' and children's activities in a less formal setting than above. We include in this family area: kitchen, dining, and all-purpose activity space. The kitchen centers importantly between the living room and family-room dining space, serving one as easily as the other—but *totally* open to the family room. Kitchen, so placed, gives complete control of youngsters playing in family area.

Architect Joe Cyr divided family activities still more by folding wall that lets you distinguish dining side from TV, play, and conversation end. Not to miss any living advantages, the family room has entrance to the rear terrace which is paved for outdoor living, dining.

Children's area has two sizable sleeping rooms—can be combined into 22x10-foot playroom. While closed to each other, they are both complete with closet and separate hall access. Bathroom for children is immediately across hall. Parents are given a corner bedroom with private bathroom.

Plumbing core that economically combines two bathrooms and utility room back to back—to shorten plumbing lines. Laundry area in today's house has run the gamut from basement to kitchen to bathroom to bedroom hall. Here, in a good 1957 house, is the latest answer: Space is set aside for a well-lighted room in the bedroom wing, still just steps from kitchen—the two areas where most all of the soiled clothes originate.

Storage room that is between main entrance and two-car carport. This could house workshop, depending on needs. Supporting this bulk-storage area, Five Star 2701 adds 50 linear feet of closets plus storage space of utility room.

The living advantages and ideas that run through this 1957 house aren't the kind that boost the cost. All on one floor, no stairs to climb, this home's truly remarkable floor plan of 1,626 square feet is built in most economical form possible—a straight rectangle. Bearing walls are designed so framing is continuous across entire walls, allowing them to be fabricated on the floor, sheathed, and raised in one section. (In Detroit, Five Star 2701 was built in Holly Hill development for less than $12 a square foot!)

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Drunk drivers

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In many persons, the first thing it depresses is our sense of responsibility, of judgment—of civilization, if you will. Now that I am steeped in the subject of drunk driving, I'm *scared*. And yet I know very well that if I took three drinks and then started driving, I'd be a highway menace. I wouldn't be drunk, far from it. As a matter of fact, I'd be legally sober. But my sense of caution would be gone.

I admit this. But too many people don't. "Oh, I can have a few beers and still handle a car," they say. Well, what do the facts say?

The most eye-opening experiments in this field were staged by Leonard Goldberg of the Karolinska Institute in Denmark. Dr. Goldberg took some 50 professional driving instructors, all used to drinking, and put them, sober, through a series of driving tests which they all handled very well. Then he split them up into two groups. He gave the members of one group either the equivalent of four drinks of whiskey or four bottles of 4-percent beer. He waited over an hour and measured the alcohol content of their blood. It ran from .035 to .04 percent—prima-facie evidence of sobriety in the United States.

Every single one showed definite impairment of driving skill. Some were worse than others. In a test involving backing onto two parallel planks laid at right angles to the roadway, one drinker couldn't make it in 15 consecutive times.

The effects of alcohol are lasting, too. Dr. Leon A. Greenberg of Yale University has found that it takes 24 hours for the body to burn up a pint of alcohol. Thus a heavy drinker can be almost as great a highway menace the morning after as the night before.

Thus it is that some European countries have far stricter standards than we. In Norway you're committing a crime when you drive with .05 percent of alcohol in your blood stream—three martinis, say. In Finland, the punishment for driving under the influence of alcohol is 3 years in prison. If you're involved in an accident which caused bodily injury, it's 6 years.

"We bend over too far backwards in this country," Dr. Frankel says. "After you've had enough shattered people die right in your arms you worry less about the occasional person who might be punished unjustly. We've got to have a stricter standard, and we've got to throw the book at those found guilty."

Too many of us tend to sympathize with the man on trial. He's been punished enough we think. And a little voice inside says, "*After all, it might have been me.*"

Well, see if you can identify yourself with this man. He was drunk, driving at high speed on the wrong side of the highway. He crashed head-on into a car in which a New York family—man, wife, two children—were driving to Florida. The father was killed instantly. The mother was critically injured. The two children miraculously escaped injury. But the first sight that met their eyes was their parents lying twisted and mangled in their own blood.

They stayed with that horror for what must have seemed hours. Finally they and their unconscious mother were taken to the hospital. Their mother died during the night; the two children awakened, orphans, 500 miles from the nearest relative.

There is some honest difference of opinion on whether severe penalties for drunk drivers is the answer. But the people who are closest to death on the highway, the law-enforcement officers who investigate the accidents and the doctors who try to save the victims, say that there's only one way to stop it—through enforcement. And they aren't satisfied with the enforcement as it is being practiced anywhere in this country.

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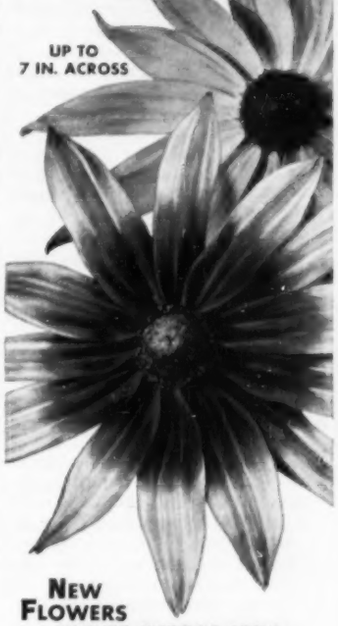

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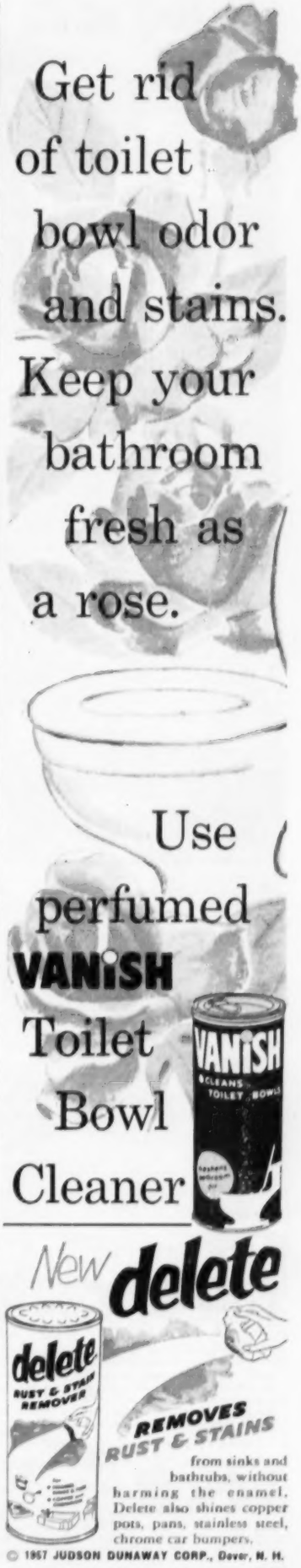

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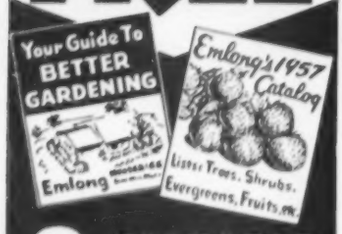

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A couple of years ago, a dedicated law-enforcement officer who had just retired as inspector of a metropolitan police department in a big city, made a thorough study of enforcement procedures in 18 major cities. The report he turned in was so hot the agency which had underwritten the trip refused to touch it. Here are some of the items the inspector turned up:

Out of a total of 114 fatal accidents in all the cities he visited, 57 drivers were reported to be under the influence of alcohol by the officers who investigated. Of the 47 who survived, only 15 were ever actually charged with drunk driving. And of 1,724 drivers involved in accidents causing injury but not death, and who were said by investigating officers to have been under the influence of alcohol, only 864, only about half, were ever charged with it.

Of those charged, some never even went to court. Courts in one city were 2 years behind when the inspector was there, and the prosecuting attorney admitted that few if any of the hundreds of drinking drivers waiting to stand trial would ever come before a judge and jury.

In other cities, many of the drivers brought to trial were found not guilty, particularly if tried by jury. Of those found guilty, punishment was usually a fine. If a jail sentence was imposed, it was nearly always suspended.

Fines were as low as $1, as high as $350. One driver, under the influence of alcohol, ran up on a sidewalk and killed a pedestrian. He was fined $7.

In many cities fines for drunk driving go to the state, so the prosecuting attorney reduces the charge to something for which the fine goes to the city. This investigator's records show that 35.4 percent of accidents causing death or injury are directly attributable to drinking drivers. He says that if accurate records were available the figure would be much higher. There's little consistency from city to city. For example, in Los Angeles over a certain period of time, 4,044 drivers were given alcohol tests. In San Francisco, during the same period, 239 drivers were tested.

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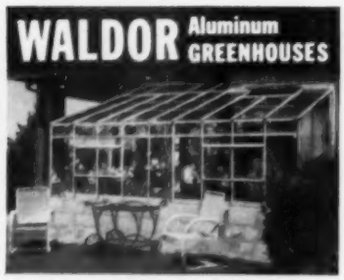

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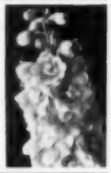

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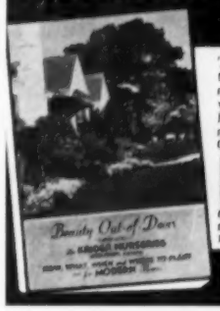

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South and Southeast

Lawns: Give your lawn a light feeding to prepare it for springtime growth. Twenty-five pounds of a complete plant food for each 1,000 square feet is a good formula. . . . In the Deep South, sow ryegrass to get a lawn that will remain green until late spring when the carpet grass crowds it out.

Fruits: Clean up fruit trees for a better crop next fall. Burn all cut branches, sprouts, and mummied fruits. . . . Prune with an eye to tomorrow's harvests by heading back young plum, peach, pear, and apple trees—selecting 6 to 8 strong scaffold limbs for easy future pickings.

Vegetables: Begin to plant asparagus in all sections now. To save a year—maybe longer—before the first crop is ready, bury one- or two-year-old crowns in deep furrows of good, rich, soil. . . . Start lettuce, cabbage, and onion seeds in coldframes in the Upper and Middle South.

Shrubs and trees: Transplant this month while trees and shrubs are dormant. Be certain to take a good ball of earth around roots—give protection against drying winds with burlap or canvas shelters. One exception: Wait until spring really arrives before moving magnolias. . . . Feed azaleas and camellias for their spring tonic—make this feeding the heaviest of the year.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Don't wait for another minute to plant bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. Prompt action now will pay off with bright colors in border beds. Plantings of gladiolus bulbs may be made in Florida and in Gulf Coast areas.

General chores: Check all garden tools to see that they're in first-class shape for the work ahead.

Central and East

Lawns: Take advantage of the absence of thick grass cover by finding dips and mounds in the lawn. Chart all their positions for leveling when the ground thaws.

Vegetables: Sort over vegetables stored away last fall—throw out those showing signs of rot. . . . Make a note for spring planting: more of the vegetables which proved to be extra popular with the family this winter.

Shrubs and trees: Keep an eye on snow gathering on the

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rooftop. A small avalanche could crush unprotected evergreens planted around the house. . . . Brush snow off shrubs and evergreens while it is still soft—brace limbs against extra weight from ice. . . . Look for rodent injury on tree trunks. Wind burlap or aluminum foil tightly around trunk to ward off the gnawers.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Get a preview of spring by forcing lily-of-the-valley indoors. Be sure roots have been exposed to cold, or they won't flower. Start forcing in a warm room—keep the roots very moist. . . . Feed all house plants occasionally now that days are getting longer. A teaspoonful to a 4-inch pot—stirred and watered in—will provide for their needs.

General chores: Remember the birds by keeping their feeding stations stocked with food. Sunflower and millet seeds—and a chunk of suet—will keep them happy.

Texas-Southwest

Fruits: Fill gaps in the strawberry bed with new plants as replacements. In the "black-waxy" soil-belt area, try the Blackmore variety for greater yields. . . . Give a thought to adding fig trees to the garden this year. Trees may be started from 8-inch cuttings of last year's growth.

Vegetables: Spade up vegetable gardens in preparation for spring planting. A balanced mixture of plant food—spread over the area and then spaded in—helps replace soil nutrients used up last year. . . . Take a chance on mild weather by planting rhubarb, asparagus, onion sets, horseradish, and peas.

Shrubs and trees: Enjoy bigger flower clusters on crape-myrtle by cutting back branches to where they are pencil thick. This forces new growth—and bigger flowers. . . . Select shrubs to plant later this month. Look for varieties that will bloom when you'll need bright color most. . . . Begin now to give azaleas their weekly sprays to control petal blight.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Look forward to early spring bloom by sowing seeds of calendula, marigolds, and coreopsis indoors. Outdoors, sow cornflowers, annual hollyhocks, and sweetwilliams. . . . In the Rio Grande area, make repeat plantings of annuals to continue the show offered by those planted last September. [Turn to page 131

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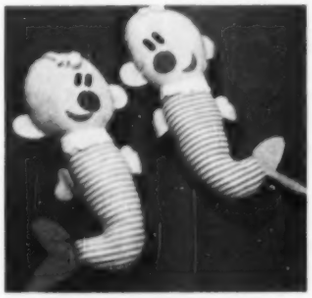

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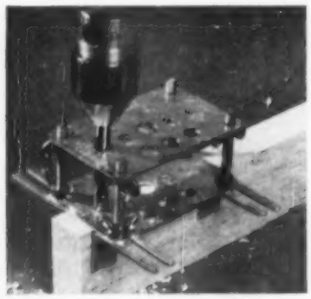

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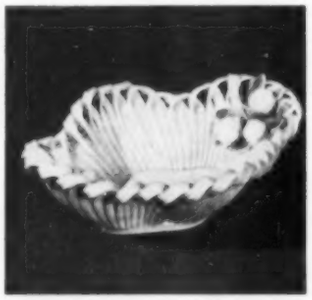

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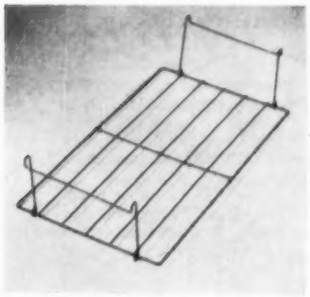

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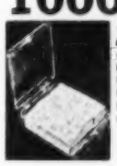

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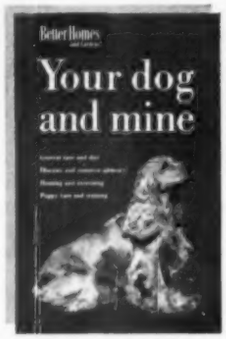

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California

Fruits: Give young avocados a good protective screen to help them get started. . . . In southern sections, plan on a good crop of berries by planting bushes along fences and walls. Be sure they'll get plenty of sun. . . . Prune fig trees this month. Fig trees can stand a severe cutting back—with the exception of Black and Mission varieties. Prune these only lightly. . . . Spray now, to take advantage of the absence of dense foliage. Stronger solutions can be used, and may head off serious insect infestations later.

Vegetables: In the interior valleys, plant tomatoes and potatoes. Space tomatoes 40 inches apart if they aren't going to be staked. . . . Sow all root crops, such as carrots and beets, in southern areas—this is the last call for cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, and cool-season vegetables.

Shrubs and trees: Help augment seasonal rains by systematically watering newly planted trees or shrubs to ward off wind burn. . . . Rake up and burn broken twigs and other litter under trees. There will be fewer insects around this summer, as a result. . . . Set out new rosebushes in all parts of the state. . . . Select a spot for a new flowering tree—perhaps as an accent on your shrub border. Consult a local nursery for suggestions on varieties. . . . Check all trees and shrubs to see that they're growing where they're supposed to be growing. Prune back those which are getting out of bounds.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Take advantage of dry, workable soil and good weather on weekends by planting gladiolus bulbs now. It's a gamble against rotting by winter rains, but they'll avoid much thrip damage and they'll bloom early. . . . Sow seeds of bedding begonias in a sheltered spot now for blooms this summer.

General chores: Start spraying at the end of this month—get in the first punch against insect pests.

Pacific Northwest

Fruits: Plant fruit trees—guy up and wrap trunks to protect them against weather and insects. . . . Prune fruits and grapes now, but hold off on peaches until warmer weather. Light pruning later can compensate for buds killed by cold.

Vegetables: Check off and plan to use leftover supplies of tomato and squash seeds—avoid disappointment by discarding older seeds of other vegetables. Make out seed orders as soon as catalogs arrive. . . . Draw up a plan for the vegetable garden, and base it on experience gained during last year's work. Be sure to leave room for extra rows of the vegetables which proved to be the most popular for your family last year.

Shrubs and trees: Spray all shrubbery with a dormant spray if this task was overlooked in December. Give scale-infested trees a dormant-oil spray now—it's safe only as long as buds are completely dormant. . . . Set out woody plants, except dogwoods and magnolias, during a thaw. Try Oriental witch-hazels—they'll start blooming this month. Make up for shrubs and trees killed during last year's freezing weather. Take cuttings about 4 to 6 inches long from last season's growth. Root them in sharp sand or vermiculite. Be sure to give them plenty of moisture.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Take stock of winter damage—plan for replacements in border beds and edgings. . . . Cut sprays of forsythia and Japanese quince for forcing inside—they'll bring spring just a little closer.

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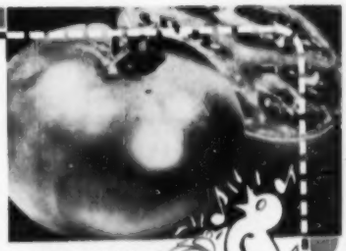
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Dr. Bill McGrath, our town's fair-haired psychiatrist, blandly tells us parents that we cannot solve all of our children's problems. Very well. And now, Bill, will you please inform our kids that they can't solve all of ours, either?

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Far be it from me to preach to you, but as a longtime usher and greeter I suggest that if you begin attending church regularly about now, you won't feel like such a total stranger there on Easter.

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"An expert housekeeper," suggests Grandmother Hillis, "can slight her housework for two or three days without having it show."

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"A reception," 7-year-old Candy Smith was telling a pal, "is the same as a party, except you don't have chairs."

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"Queer thing about a bus," panted Bill Norman, after catching ours en route to the office yesterday morning. "The darn thing runs twice as fast when you are after it as it does when you are on it."

I resent both the tone and the text of my wife's reply when our son Burton, Jr., asked her please to define the word "stalemate." "It's a husband," said she, eyeing me slyly, "who keeps telling the same old jokes."

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Overheard Grandpop Hillis say to some marriageable young women, "You kids remember it's better to be hard to get than hard to take."

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I am not indifferent to snowflakes' pristine beauty. It's just that I resent their inclination to gang up on my roof, sidewalk, and windshield. They are much like family bills—ignored, they quickly stack up until the weight of them is appalling.

If we don't wear the heavy winter clothing we used to, it's probably because our outdoor life is restricted to that 40 feet between the car door and the house door.

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If you're the overly articulate type of husband and father, best keep your words sweet; you never can tell when you may have to eat them.

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Neighbor Milton Sanders, a 220-pound office worker, is henceforth opposed to neighborly gestures. Seeing his man next door roofing his house the wrong way, Milt courteously took over, nailed shingles while squatting for three hours—and since then has endured four days of acute misery with soreness of the legs.

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Ruth Evans hasn't gained matronly weight as most of her sisters and cousins have, so she happily inherits the many nice clothes they grow out of. She says her husband no longer asks her, "What did it cost?" Instead he asks, "Who gave you that?"

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"Don't think any opportunity is ever lost," our mother still warns her big sons. "Any one you miss is promptly grabbed by some other fellow."

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Uncle Dodd Buckner, who hauls our garbage away, took time in our kitchen yesterday for a cup of Christine's mighty fine coffee and a bit of his own mighty fine philosophy. "Time was when indoor plumbing was the height of luxury," mused he, eyeing our new streamlined sink, dishwasher, stove, and cabinets. "But today we are unhappy if forced to struggle along with just one automobile instead of two or three."

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"Happiness is not a destination," we overheard Grandmother Hillis coaching our teen-ager last night. "It is a method of life."

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Gratefully you realize you don't actually need many family-reform resolutions for New Year's when some member suggests, "Let's celebrate at home instead of in some expensive night club." . . . Pop discovers that Mom and the kids paid for his Christmas gift out of money saved from the grocery budget and spare-time jobs . . . a teen-age daughter whispers you awake at 2 a.m. to tell you how dreamily wonderful her date and dance were . . . your wife and mother are heard giggling together in priceless companionship while remodeling a hat or baking a cake together . . . young married neighbors respectfully ask your advice on little routine problems of establishing a home.

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